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12 hurt in 7 SeMo accidents

Twelve persons were injured, two seriously, in seven traffic accidents Saturday in Southeast Missouri, according to the highway patrol.

An Arkansas truck driver received serious injuries at 6:50 a.m. when his tractor trailer rig ran off the right side of the road into a 12-foot - deep drainage ditch.

The patrol said James Maudlin, 43, of Conway, Ark. fell asleep at the wheel while traveling on Interstate 55 one-half mile north of the Arkansas state line. He was taken to Chickasawba Hospital in Blytheville, Ark.

Joann Oliver 28, of Rector, Ark. was slightly injured at 9:40 a.m. on Highway 25, two miles north of Kennett, when the car in which she was riding stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by a car driven by Rexie Featherston, 59, of Piggott, Ark.

Driver of the Oliver car, Steven Oliver, 23, of Rector, Ark. was not injured. Mrs. Oliver was not hospitalized.

A Sikeston boy received minor injuries in an accident at 2:10 p.m. two miles east of Granite City on Highway 61.

The accident occurred when Kenneth Joe Parker Sr., 34, of Sikeston lost control of his pickup truck on the ice- covered road, skidded into a ditch and struck a tree.

Stanford Keith Parker, 14, a passenger, was taken to Missouri Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston.

Four persons were slightly injured in an accident at 3:28 p.m. on Interstate 55 at Fruitland.

The accident happened when a car driven by Steven Craig Solomon, 24, of Memphis went out of control on slick pavement and struck a bridge.

Solomon and passengers, Dan Skravaneil, 28, Clifford Harmon, 21, and Vincent Skorupski, 24, all of Memphis, were taken to St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

An accident at 4:20 p.m. at the intersection of Highways 61 and 64 at Steele resulted in serious injuries to Terry Lee Hirons, 28, of Memphis.

The accident occurred when an eastbound car driven by Preston Hawkins, 41, of Blytheville pulled into the path of the Hirons car, driven by Vickie Hirons, 20, of Memphis.

Hirons was taken to Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital in Hayti.

Wesley Edison Dunivan, 42, of Advance and a passenger, Stewart Dunivan, 8, of Advance were injured at 8:40 p.m. when Dunivan stopped to make a left turn off Highway 25 two miles east of Advance and was rammed from behind by a pickup truck driven by Amos Hilman Coplin, 41, of Advance.

Dunivan was taken to Dexter Memorial Hospital and young Dunivan was taken to Advance Clinic.

Two persons were injured in an accident at 9:30 p.m. on Highway 67 at Neelyville.

The accident occurred when a northbound pickup truck driven by Carl Brake, 53, of Neelyville crossed the center line and collided with a southbound car driven by George Harguess, 31, of Highland, Ind.

Barbara Harguess, 31, wife of the driver, Cindy Harguess 6, received minor injuries and were taken to Doctors Hospital in Poplar Bluff.

Stolen car is recovered

Sikeston police recovered a stolen car belonging to Mrs. Verna Patterson of New Madrid at 7:34 p.m. Sunday at Clayton Park.

Mrs. Patterson told police the car was taken at 10 a.m. Saturday from the IGA Foodliner parking lot in New Madrid.

Elks distribute food

Joe Baker, left, Howard Gipson, center, and Exalted Ruler, Fred Lashmet were among Sikeston Elks Club members who distributed food packages Sunday to needy families in the Sikeston area. The boxes contained chicken, bread, fruit, milk, potatoes, vegetables and several other food items.

(Daily Standard photo by Tim Ludwig)

Jaycees add toys

Carl Merideth, chairman of the Jaycee Tree of Lights project, prepares boxes of toys, candy, oranges and apples for needy children in the Sikeston area. The boxes are to be distributed today.

(Daily Standard photo by Pat Grojean)

Police probe burglary and assault try

Police are investigating a burglary at Lindsey's M&H, 863 W. Malone Ave., early Saturday morning in which 37 assorted cartons of cigarettes, a large quantity of liquor and a small amount of change were taken.

John Summers of Canalou told police he went to the store Saturday morning to purchase some cigars, found the front door glass broken out and phoned owner Larry Lindsey.

Cindy Brown, 213 Felker St., reported to police that a man forced his way into her home Saturday and attempted to assault her.

She told police the man pulled off his coat and grabbed her but left after she told him to leave her alone.

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Holiday greeted in uncertainty

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christians today prepared to celebrate Christmas as best they can despite shortages of gasoline, heating oil and electricity, an uncertain economic outlook and the threat of terrorist attacks in some areas.

In Bethlehem, the little town where Christmas began with the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago, merchants prepared for the annual influx of pilgrims for midnight mass in the Church of the Nativity.

But the general prediction was for fewer than last year's poor turnout of 5,000 because of the October war and the Palestinian terrorist attack in Rome and Athens last week.

"This is the worst Christmas in years," said one burly souvenir shop owner. "We sometimes get more tourists in midsummer."

From Tokyo to Paris and Berlin shoppers scurried to complete their last minute shopping with stores generally reporting increased sales despite the past year's inflation. Some store managers in Europe and the United States noted, however, that expensive items were not selling as well as usual.

For Americans and most Europeans it was a dimmer holiday because of the oil shortage. The Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center in New York had fewer lights this year and the giant tree in front of the city hall in Copenhagen had no lights.

The fuel shortage also kept a lot of Americans home this year as most gas stations were closed Sunday and planned to shut Christmas Day.

In Europe, several governments suspended the Sunday driving ban. Motorists in Italy, France and West Germany took to the highways in record numbers and Alpine ski resorts reported heavy bookings. Many persons in West Berlin prepared presents for relatives they will visit for the second Christmas in a row in East Berlin.

Pope Paul VI was breaking tradition by celebrating Christmas Eve midnight mass before thousands in St. Peter's Basilica. For the past 26 years the papal Christmas Eve mass was held in the Sistine Chapel for diplomats accredited to the Holy See.

United Nations peacekeeping troops along the Suez cease-fire line will be eating traditional roast turkey and holiday pudding, but Lt. John Byrne from Ireland commented:

"It's hard to feel the holiday spirit out here, wedged between two armies. It would be nice to see both sides come out of their positions and shake hands on Christmas ... but that could never happen here. The Jews and the Arabs don't believe in Christmas. It's out of place here."

Energy shortages dimmed the holiday lights in Japan and toys were more costly. Stores were jammed, but merchants estimated an increase in sales of only about 20 per cent over Christmas 1972, due largely to price increases.

In America the tradition of helping those less fortunate at Christmas time appeared not to have died away this year.

Burn victim is hospitalized

CARUTHERSVILLE-- Clyde Culp of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of the Caruthersville area, is in the intensive care unit of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis suffering from burns received early Sunday morning near Caruthersville.

The Pemiscot County sheriff's department today said Culp was found about 3:30 a.m. in his car, parked in front of the Chaparral Lounge, with burns on the upper part of his body. Culp was taken to Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital in Hayti and then transferred to Memphis.

Funds certified for R-1 district

WASHINGTON, D. C. — U. S. Rep. Bill D. Burlison of Missouri's 10th Congressional District today announced the certification for payment by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of $9,613.01 to Illmo- Scott City R-1 school district in Scott City.

Rep. Burlison said funds were made available through Title I of Public Law 874, as amended and approved by the Congress.

The law is also known as the disaster program for federally affected areas, he said.

Christmas items stolen

ESSEX — Christmas packages and two $100 bills were taken in a break- in Sunday at the Bob Jackson home south of Essex, near the Frisco community.

According to the Stoddard County sheriff's department which is investigating, the break- in occurred sometime between 5 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

It's inside...

Columnist Ann Landers has a special Christmas message to the public. Turn to ... page 4.

The Rev. John H. Walker of Bloomfield has been asked to serve as a member of Gov. Bond's Advisory Council on Aging. Turn to ... page 3.

Holiday basketball tournament action will pick up Wednesday with the opening of Cape Girardeau and Flat River events and continuation of the Bloomfield classic. Turn to ... page 9 and 10.

...and outside

Partly cloudy tonight; low 35 to 40; winds southwesterly 12 to 18 mph; Tuesday partly sunny; high in 40s.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Chance of rain Wednesday; low in 30s, high in 40s. Low in the 20s, high in the 40s Thursday. Friday fair; low 28 to 35; high in the 40s.

HIGHS AND LOWS

High and low temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday were 20 and 5 degrees. Extremes for the period ending at 7 a.m. Sunday were 39 and 18. For the period ending at 7 a.m. today, the high was 49, the low 24 and rain measured .56 inch.

Sunset today ..... 4:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow...7:10 a.m.
Moonset today ..... 5:01 p.m.
First Quarter .... Jan. 1

This week, the gap between Venus and Jupiter will not change as Venus is now moving eastward at the same rate as Jupiter. Venus, the brighter planet, sets --- 7:22 p.m. and is followed by Jupiter.

4 off-campus college courses to be offered

Four off- campus classes will be offered at Sikeston High School by Southeast Missouri State University during the 1974 spring semester if at least 17 students enroll.

All inquiries should be directed to Dr. Willard J. Morgan at the university in Cape Girardeau. The telephone number is 314-334-8211, extension 254.

Enrollment will be at Sikeston High School cafeteria at 6 p.m. Jan. 10.

Classes are:

Psychology of learning, three credit hours, undergraduate and graduate, Dr. Wallace W. Rexroad, instructor, first class session Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

Psychology of the exceptional child, three hours credit, undergraduate and graduate, Dr. K. Richard Blankenship, instructor, first session Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.

Administration and supervision of business education, two credit hours, graduate only, Dr. Orville A. Riggs, instructor first session Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

History of American education, three credit hours, graduate only, Dr. Floyd K. Wright, instructor, first session, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Weather Review

Weather observations are for the 24- hour periods ending at 7 a.m. daily.

	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 17	29	18	.00
Dec. 18	43	28	.01
Dec. 19	44	24	1.05
Dec. 20	26	4	.00
Dec. 21	20	5	.00
Dec. 22	39	18	.00
Dec. 23	49	24	.56
Rainfall for the week			1.62
Rainfall for the month			3.02
Rainfall for the year			56.54

	'70	'71	'72	'73
Jan.	.96	4.01	2.36	5.22
Feb.	2.66	6.81	5.48	1.67
Mar.	5.92	1.68	2.70	8.64
Apr.	8.39	2.34	6.42	7.98
May	2.97	3.68	2.42	6.40
June	8.61	7.70	1.92	3.14
July	2.18	5.05	7.27	2.81
Aug.	3.42	5.32	3.41	3.08
Sept.	4.97	4.74	5.40	3.01
Oct.	5.04	1.71	7.39	3.36
Nov.	2.26	2.54	5.95	8.19
Dec.	3.87	4.20	5.38	
	53.18	49.78	56.20	

No Standard on Christmas

The Daily Standard will not be published Tuesday, Christmas Day. The management and staff wish to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a merry Christmas.

Trains use less fuel

Fuel economy doesn't only refer to price. Trains carry cargo at a fuel consumption rate four times less that that of highway trucks. Highway vehicles— trucks, cars and buses— use 75 per cent of transportation energy.

(Daily Standard photos by Tim Ludwig)

The energy crunch -- Part 10:

Transportation uses 4th of U.S. energy

By PAT GROJEAN

Slightly more than one-quarter of the energy in the United States is consumed by various modes of transportation, such as automobiles, trucks, buses, railroads, aircraft, agricultural vehicles, ships and boats. Although this is not the largest single category of energy consumption, it is one of the most vital to the country.

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality reports that, between 1950 and 1973, transportation's requirements from the energy market increased by 84 per cent.

Efficiency in the use of energy has not increased during this growth. The committee reports decreases in efficiency can be attributed to a shift to less energy- efficient transport modes, a decline in the energy efficiency of the individual transportation modes used and an increase in traffic congestion.

"Some studies have shown that it requires four times as much energy to get a person from his home to his office by car as by bus, nine times as much to move a passenger by plane as by high- speed train and four times as much to carry cargo by truck as by rail," the committee reports in its booklet, "Citizen Action Guide to Energy Conservation."

Highway vehicles, such as cars, trucks and buses, consume 75 per cent of the transportation energy, while aircraft use only about 10 per cent. The transportation industry relies heavily on gasoline and other petroleum products for fuel.

The United States has approximately 5.7 per cent of the world's population, but 46.1 per cent of the world's automobiles. The average car consumes 772 gallons of gasoline a year, which is 13.3 miles per gallon. Many cars consume much more gasoline than that, especially the larger cars.

Since the automobile is such a large consumer of energy, the next few articles in this series will deal with ways to conserve fuel through use of the automobile.

Since the 1920s, the population of the United States has doubled, while the number of cars grew 800 per cent, according to Robert L. Sansom, assistant administrator for the air and water program of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D. C.

Fuel economy has suffered in recent years, due to added weight, stemming mainly from government-mandated equipment additions, new systems for controlling vehicle emissions and buyers' choices of more power- driven equipment, such as brakes, steering and air conditioning.

Currently, registered passenger cars in the United States are consuming 75.3 billion gallons of gasoline and traveling an estimated 1,005 billion miles a year.

Better use of the automobile will be discussed in this series in an effort to help reduce energy consumption. The first article will be on proper tuning of the car.

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Monday, December 24 — "Feel Sorry for the Post Office" Day.

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POOR CHARLIE SAYS!

Comfort for the lazy: Look what the worm gets for getting up before the early bird.

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ON CHRISTMAS DAY

This Christmas Season, 1973, the mystery and magic of Christmas night are very real as hundreds of millions of people in small countries and great nations across the breadth of the world join hands in the eternal wish of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

In this day of instant communications, flashing in words and pictures the sometimes confusing kaleidoscope of world events, it seems appropriate to give thanks for one gift that has preserved the humanity and the hard-won, accumulated knowledge of man through thousands of years -- the gift of the written word. In countless languages, the written word has spanned the whole surface of the Earth making knowledge of God and the teachings of Christ life-long, everyday companions of men and women everywhere. Through the written word all men know the story of Christmas. These words endure to be read and reread again and again. How else could the story of Tiny Tim and the name of Charles Dickens have become synonymous with the Spirit of Christmas?

Countless millions of children have listened in breathless wonder as their parents read the fantasy-conjuring words of "The Night Before Christmas" -- the reindeer, the fur-trimmed red suit and the jolly cry of, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" These words, written in 1823 by an American minister and poet, Clement C. Moore, are here today as part of the living legend of Christmas. So, let's give thanks for the written word. Its power has preserved the Spirit of Christmas, and its wisdom may yet save mankind from its own folly.

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COLOR YOUR STATE HOUSE BLACK

The states are out of the red, as a group that is, and at least in fiscal 1972.

According to Commerce Clearing House, the 50 states spent $109.2 billion in the period that ended June 30, 1972. But their revenues from all sources totaled $112.3 billion, a surplus of $3.1 billion.

This was in happy contrast with fiscal 1971, when aggregate state expenditures exceeded income by $1.6 billion.

Where did the money come from? Not surprisingly, taxes — sales, motor fuel, tobacco, alcohol, income and license taxes, to name a few — provided most with $59.9 billion. Total tax revenue was up 16.2 per cent from 1971.

Intergovernmental revenue provided another chunk with $28 billion, up 17.5 per cent, while charges and miscellaneous general revenue accounted for another $10.8 billion, an increase of 10.6 per cent.

If this keeps up, Washington may start asking the states to share their revenues with the federal government, rather than the other way around.

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Look yourself over: is your safety valve in good working order?

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From an economical standpoint, an engagement after a week's acquaintance is wise. Long engagements are very costly to the man, and often people who have been engaged many years do not get along.

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Overheard at the coffee shop: "Parents are embarrassed when their children tell lies, but sometimes it's even worse when they tell the truth."

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — No one can make a fully dressed person feel as naked as Alfred Hodder, executive director of the Medic Alert Foundation.

Mr. Hodder says that anyone with a medical problem should be registered with Medic Alert and should wear its easily recognized necklace or bracelet, listing any confirmed medical ailments or allergies. This would mean that if you should be involved in an automobile accident or be scooped up unconscious off a street, that a doctor or even a passer-by would know immediately that you should not be given penicillin if you are allergic to it, that you have diabetes or a heart disease, that you wear contact lenses or have a pacemaker implanted in your chest.

Medic Alert was founded in 1956 by Dr. Marion C. Collins, its current president, after his daughter almost died from an allergic reaction to tetanus antitoxin. Collins decided then that persons with apparent medical problems should be protected in medical emergencies.

Having covered World War II and conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, I am accustomed to seeing soldiers wearing "dog tags"—small metal plates on a chain around their necks that resemble dog licenses and list name, serial number, and, very important in case of wounds, blood type.

That was for combat action. Hodder feels that civilian life can be equally hazardous. At $7 for a lifetime membership, Medic Alert will issue necklace or bracelet, both easily identifiable by the caduceus physician's symbol of winged staff and entwined snakes and the words Medic Alert in red on its front. On the reverse side of the metal tab can be listed up to five lines of medical ailments or allergies, the first one for free and others for 75 cents a line.

The American Medical Association estimates that one out of every five Americans has a hidden medical problem. On this theory, Medic Alert has signed up more than 475,000 American members and has affiliate organizations in 15 other countries.

Medic Alert's largest membership is in California, where its home office is in Turlock. Its second largest group is in Pennsylvania, where it has 11,000 members in Philadelphia alone. Hodder says that registration with Medic Alert guarantees a lifetime assurance that vital medical information has been computerized and is available on a 24-hour basis through the organization's emergency phone service. Among common ailments inscribed on the tabs are diabetes, Addison's disease, emphysema, asthma, multiple sclerosis, heart conditions, epilepsy, hemophilia, and allergies to such drugs as penicillin, sulpha, terramycin, demerol, aspirin, orphine, codeine, barbiturates, novocaine, cortisone, tetanus toxoid, or multidrugs.

Light Enough for Everyone

TOMORROW
DECEMBER 25 — TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS. Dec. 25. Ceara, Pernambuco and Bahia, Brazil. Elaborate pageants, songs, dances, folk plays, satirical dramas beginning at Christmas and lasting until the Epiphany. Bumba-Meu-Boi (Whoa, My Ox), a satirical drama performed.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Dec. 25. Celebrated throughout the United States its territories and the rest of the Christian World.

ISAAC NEWTON'S BIRTHDAY. Dec. 25. English mathematician- philolospher. (Dec. 25, 1642- Mar 20, 1727).

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TOMORROW
DECEMBER 26 — WEDNESDAY

BOXING DAY. Dec. 26. England and most Commonwealth Countries.

DAY OF THE WREN. Dec. 26. Dingle Peninsula, Ireland. Masked revelers and musicians go from door to door asking for money. Traditional day and night of public merrymaking.

OXFORD CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE. Dec. 26. Oxford, England.

ROLL THE BARRELL COMPETITION. Dec. 26. Denbigh, Wales.

SECOND CHRISTMAS. Dec. 26. Marks beginning of two-week long celebration. Celebrated in South Carolina and the Virgin Islands.

SUGAR BOWL REGATTA. Dec. 26. Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La. Over 20 universities sailing entries. Info. from: New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Assn., Internatl. Bldg. Suite 510, 611 Gravier St., New Orleans, La. 70130.

THE WEEK OF SANTELVES — Dec. 26-31. Purpose: A week of recongition for those SANTELVES who helped SANTA'S world-wide operation become as big a success as it was. Info. from: SANTELVES. 3526 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60634.

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THIS COULD STOP THE SELFISH

A measure has been suggested at St. Louis that could probably stop, or slow, the selfish, who in the present energy crisis, in the privacy of their own homes where they think no one will know, fail to turn down their thermostats or turn out lights. Theyprefer to "let George do it", while they go on as usual.

The suggestion is to put a heavy extra tax on everyone who uses more natural gas or electricity than in a like period last year. It can be checked by meter readers and the bill added to the usual monthly costs. It could run into real money for offenders.

The same could be done by bottled gas and fuel oil suppliers.

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BLUNDER AFTER BLUNDER ... RESIGN!

If President Nixon loves his country like he should, he would resign. He ought to know, better than anyone else, how the confidence of the people and the respect of his fellow citizens, has dropped to nearly zero as one blunder after another, with more lawless actions by his representatives being discovered every few days. Even if he knew nothing about them, as he claims, he is too little on the job of keeping in touch with his advisors, to hold the office he occupies. With him out of the leaderless leadership he was elected to perform, Vice- president Gerald Ford would take over and the country might again take its place at the top among world powers. The Arabs do not worry about the power of America with Nixon as President. Favoritism to preferred interests, such as those which so willingly contributed $100,000 to half a million dollars to get him elected, might be stopped under a new executive who is under no obligation to those corporations. Mr. Nixon could make a place in history for having saved his country by turning over the leadership to someone more qualified.

Shelbina Democrat

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Of 70 members of the National Petroleum Council who contributed to President Nixon's re-election campaign, John Shaheen of Shaheen Natural Resources was the largest contributor, Rep. Les Aspin (Dem.), Wisconsin, said Sunday.

Aspin said Shaheen, head of a New York firm, contributed $107,000.

"Shaheen recently chartered the Queen Elizabeth II to ferry several hundred people to the opening of a new refinery in Canada," Aspin said in a statement. "Shaheen is a former client of President Nixon's law firm and obtained U. S. approval of construction of the Canadian refinery."

Aspin said 70 members of the 125- member National Petroeum Council, which advises the federal government on oil policy, gave a total of $1.2 million to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign.

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While most Americans are griping about the fuel shortage, it is important to remember that the situation which has been made apparent by the fourth Arab-Israeli war reaches far beyond Arab- Israeli differences and that more things than the Arab- Israeli dispute are exercising their influence behind the scenes.

The following Intelligence Digest report is based on information from very reliable American intelligence sources. It must be emphasized that it describes what is now being thought in Moscow. In particular, it points to the great importance of the position of Iran.

Although the use of Arab oil as a weapon against the West has for long time been a Russian objective, the speed with which results were achieved in the case of the Arab- Israeli war has taken even Moscow by surprise.

As a consequence, a fresh study of the many potentialities of the use of oil as an economic and political weapon in the so-called anti-imperialist struggle has been ordered.

What has happened, according to ID sources of information, is that it has suddenly been realized in Moscow, thanks to the separate and collective western reactions to the Arab move, that the Atlantic aliance (NATO) is a much more fragile thing than the Russians could have hoped for and that oil can be used to shatter it beyond repair.

It can furthermore be used to prevent the integration of Japan with the West and any Sino- Japanese political, economic or military cooperation, according to the current view in Moscow. And, the Russians think, for military purposes it may serve as an instrument to wreck the American economy and with it the U. S. war production industrial complexes.

A further, but subsidiary, subject to be investigated by the Kremlin is the possibility of using oil to prevent the effective functioning of the European Economic Community by selective oil boycotts designed to set the nine members one against the other.

One of the factors unforseen in Moscow, which has much affected Russian thinking, is the attitude of Saudi Arabia's King Faisal. Moscow considered Faisal to be irrevocably tied to American, to such an extent that Washington would be able, with his help, to circumvent the main hazards of a partial oil boycott. Thus, while Saudi Arabian and Iranian oil continued to flow to the West, American would be able to withstand the pressures.

And then the unexpected happened. King Faisal was suddenly not only willing to unite with an Arab "anti-imperialist" front to concoct the explosive mixture of oil and politics, but he even took the lead in the offensive. The unforeseen -- that he would turn on Washington -- happened. That has left Iran dangerously isolated -- a fact that Moscow considers will greatly simplify the future manipulation of the Shah and Iranian politics generally.

Moscow's Radio Peace and Progress has already predicted with great satisfaction that the "vice - like grip" in which the American economy is now held by the Arab oil- producing states will not be relaxed until there has been a basic re-orientation in Washington with regard to the whole spectrum of international relations.

It has also predicted the collapse of the whole complex of alliances between the U. S. and west Europe and Japan upon which the Free World now depends. The collapse of Western unity during and after the fighting in the Middle East is only the beginning of a more serious collapse, according to Moscow.

Some people may say that the Russians are overconfident, but what is indisputable is that Moscow has advanced the timetable of the oil war against the West by a full decade. What was hiterto scheduled for the 1980s has been brought forward to the present day and political and diplomatic (and strategic) victory which was expected by 1985 is now expected by about 1975.

Western unity has never been more vital than today in order to meet this deadly threat.

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Once a Year

How seldom Christmas comes — only once a year; and how soon it is over— anight and a day! If that is the whole of it, it seems not much more durable than the little toys that one buys of a fakir on the street corner. They run for an hour, and then the spring breaks, and the legs come off, and nothing remains but a contribution to the dust heap.

But surely that need not and ought not be the whole of Christmas— only a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year— only a single night of merry-making, celebrated in the slave-quarters of a selfish race! If every gift is the token of a personal thought, a friendly feeling, an unselfish interest in the joys of others, then the thought, the feeling, the interest, may remain long after the gift is forgotten.

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Tires Are Minimized As Accident Factors

A new federal government study has found that passenger car tires are "not significant factors in traffic accidents."

The new findings were contained in a report to Congress by U.S. Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats on the entire federal auto safety testing program. The Comptroller General heads the General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog over federal spending.

In the fiscal years 1970-72, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spent a total of $4.8 million on compliance testing, the report noted. More than half of this, $2.5 million, went for tire testing, compared to $1.4 million for vehicle testing, and $913,943 for other equipment.

"Available accident data and information from tire studies indicate that disabled passenger vehicle tires are not significant factors in traffic accidents,nd that the Safety Administration's relative degree of emphasis on tire testing, in terms of its total enforcement program, is more than warranted," the report declared.

The GAO report cited accident data provided by the National Bureau of Standards, the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University, and the Highway Safety Research Institute at the University of Michigna, to back up its statements ontire safety.

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A POINT

Does anybody read ads on the paper match books except wives who are curious about their husbands' meanderings?

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SHOCKING NEWS

"Why did they separate?"
"Nobody seems to know."
"Oh, how terrible."

H.L. Hunt

THE SENATOR WHO PREDICTED OUR ENERGY CRISIS

Twenty years ago a much misunderstood and maligned but very able and farseeing statesman served in the United States Senate. He was George Malone of Nevada, chairman of the Minerals, Materials and Fuels subcommittee.

Often derided as too "conservative" and long-winded, Senator Malone in fact foresaw the energy crisis that confronts us today. He told how it could have been avoided. Only now, when the crisis is upon us are the politicians and bureauracts ready to consider Senator Malone's recommendations.

In a 1954 report of his Senate subcommittee, Senator Malone warned that "to a very dangerous extent, the vital security of this nation is in serious jeopardy. We are dependent for many of our essential raw materials on sources in far-off lands many under the control of possibly fickle allies or timid neutrals, some veritably under the guns of our potential enemies."

He went on to say: "None of this vulnerability need exist .... The Western Hemisphere can become completely self-sufficient in the production of necessary critical materials in war and peace."

Senator Malone recommended large-scale research and development of better techniques for obtaining oil from the oil shale widely distributed in our country, and of "ways and means to revive the coal industry." He called for "improvement of our petroleum, gas and coal resources to assure maximum availability of domestic fuels."

All of these programs the present administration is, at long last, undertaking. If only they had been undertaken 20 years ago when Senator Malone proposed them, we would not be in crisis over energy today.

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Jack Anderson

JACK ANDERSON SAYS:
THE NUCLEAR BRINK

WASHINGTON-- The Christmas theme of peace on earth has been profaned, regrettably, by the men who control the nuclear switches.

They still engage in nuclear diplomacy, and the horror weapons are poised in their silos and submarines ready for the ultimate holocaust.

In less than a dozen years, there have been at least three nuclear confontations. The latest occurred only last October, as Soviet attack submarines targeted on U. S. warships and both superpowers ordered their forces on alert.

The public has been given only the sketchiest details of the incidents that could have ended in nuclear devastation. Here are the stark facts, which men of good will would do well to ponder while the carolers sing of peace on earth:

'62 CRISIS

During the 1962 missile crisis, as the world is aware, John Kennedy ordered our nuclear forces on red alert. Our intercontinental missiles on land and our Polaris missiles under the sea were ready to fire. Our B- 52 bombers, their bomb bays pregnant with H-bombs, were in the air so they wouldn't need to waste time taking off.

President Kennedy threw a naval blockade around Cuba, calling it a "quarantine," with orders to stop Soviet missile shipments from entering Cuban waters. Nikita Krushchev, then the cock of the Kremlin, responded with a blistering secret message.

"You, Mr. President, are not declaring a quarantine," fumed Khruschev, "but rather are setting forth an ultimatum and threatening that if we do not give in to your demands you will use force!...

"Naturally, we will not simply be bystanders with regard to piratical acts by American ships on the high seas. We will then be forced on our part to take the measures we consider necessary and adequate in order to protect our rights. For this we have all that is necessary."

PICKED SPOT

Nevertheless, Kennedy called the Joint Chiefs into the situation room in the White House basement. He plunged a thumback into an Atlantic map and ordered the Joint Chiefs to intercept any Soviet ships that reached the point of the thumbtack.

Soviet ships, loaded with Cuba- bound missiles, arrived at the crucial spot. The President called the Joint Chiefs back into the situation room. Slowly, he withdrew the tack from the map, moved it back and pressed it into the map again. "Let's give them a little more time," he instructed. "But when they reached this point, you'll have to stop them."

As the missile- laden Soviet ships approached the second thumbtack, orders from Moscow turned them around. Commented Dean Rusk, then secretary of state, to subordinates: "We've been eyeball to eyeball and I think the other fellow just blinked."

Kennedy's handling of the Cuban confrontation made a deep impression on Richard Nixon. He spoke admiringly of the cold courage Kennedy had demonstrated when he faced an imminent nuclear explosion.

INDIA— PAKISTAN WAR

In December 1971, President Nixon had an opportunity to stage his own nuclear showdown in the Bay of Bengal.

While Pakistan and India fought over the dreary, humid, painfully impoverished piece of earth now called Bangladesh, the United States, Russia and China issued orders. Armies and navies with hydrogen-headed missiles responded.

It turned out to be a limited, two- week war. But it could have been otherwise. The secret intelligence reports reveal that the three superpowers were being sucked into the vortex of war.

The United States sent a nuclear task force steaming into the Bay of Bengal. The Soviets promised India "that the Soviet Union will not allow the Seventh Fleet to intervene." And a Soviet task force was immediately dispatched to the troubled area.

'DIVERSIONARY ACTION'

In the Himalayas, the Chinese made preparations to move against India. Again, the Soviets gave New Delhi assurances that, in case of a Chinese attack, Russia would mount "a diversionary action in Sknkiang (a Chinese province on the Siberian border)."

The world was spared, but none of the big powers can take credit. The war was not ended by the menacing moves of the Russians, Americans and Chinese, but by the collapse of the Pakistani army in Bangladesh.

Again, at the height of the latest Arab- Israeli war in October, the United States and Russia moved their nuclear forces on the world chessboard.

Seven Soviet airborne divisions in full combat gear were moved to embarkation points. The airlift of military supplies to Egypt and Syria was suddenly halted to make the planes available to haul the waiting troops.

FLEETS MOVE IN

A flotilla of warships, landing ships and back- up ships moved out of the Black Sea into the Mediterranean. The Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean quickly swelled to 90 vessels, one- third more than the U. S. Navy's Sixth Fleet. At least 20 Soviet attack submarines appeared on the tails of U. S. carriers and other key ships.

Then Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, in a blunt secret message declaring "I will say it straight," called upon President Nixon to join him in sending troops to stop the alleged Israeli cease- fire violations. Otherwise, he threatened to send in Soviet troops unilaterally.

The President responded instead by ordering a worldwide military alert. The Soviet forces never left Russia. Tensions were relaxed. But once again, mankind had taken a step dangerously close to the nuclear brink.

Inside Labor

By Victor Riesel

Meyer Lansky's Last Days: Mafia's Elders Cool It as FBI's Informers Reach into "Families' " Highest Echelons

NEW YORK-- Even Mafia made- to- order death appears to be taking a holiday. Underworld dons, glorified tastelessly by the films as Godfathers, have directed their troops to cool it. The heat is just too intense on the Cosa Nostra elders as 1974 races in.

The command has come down to ease labor racket pressure, cut theft in the white collar field, don't "heist" Wall Street securities, for the moment no truck hijacking, and there's even a taboo on this season's traditional bankruptcy rip- offs.

The heat on the "button men," who have until recently been free to go into anything but dope running, sears them from both inside the families and from law enforcement agencies.

So effectively has the 1973 phenomenon of local and federal coordination hit the mob, for example, that truck hijacking, a lucrative swift moneymaker, has plummeted. It's just gotten too dangerous. So much so that the thieves can't get a "drop" or a garage in big towns such as this Gotham for less than $5,000 an hour in which to hide, "break" the load down and distribute the loot into smaller conveyances.

The Mafia isn't "cooling it" out of Yuletide sentiment. First they're old and want to die a natural death after a long life. They know, and it is fact, that law enforcement agencies, especially the respiritied FBI, have broken through the old Cosa Nostra omerta- wall of silence.

The bureau now has "Hundreds of men have been convicted who otherwise would have been free were it not for these witnesses," Shur says. "We give a witness in organized crime trials an alternative to death. So we relocate them. Vinnie Teresa (a self- avowed New England underworld thug who turned-- VR) alone helped us put away at least 20 gangsters."

informers in the highest underworld echelons. This significant breakthrough came in the past six or nine months. And in all--repeat, all-- of the Mafia families.

This is corroborated by Jerry Shur, chief of the U. S. Justice Department's criminal intelligence unit. He tells me there are some 650 informers. Most of them are from within organized crime. These men and their families, totaling about 2,000 in all, have been put under protection on military bases or have been moved from their original cities under the witness relocation program.

So the Mafia dons are careful. They don't know who'll turn and they'll hit the headlines. One informer's testimony convicted the late Gyp De Carlo.

Furthermore, the elders are growing weaker-- physically. Note the final days of Meyer Lansky, last of the old Murder, Inc., era. Justice Department officials tell me he'll never be tried again though Meyer is scheduled for a Las Vegas courtroom in January.

He underwent a triple heart- bypass operation. During his last trial, the government had to provide him with a room in which to rest and constant attendance of a doctor in the courtroom.

There are others like Lansky who, though not as sick, are antediluvians from the late '20s. Some of them are just about holding their men in line-- such as the alleged boss of bosses Carlo Gambino, the most powerful labor manipulator of them all. Others are dead or have gone into exile as has an erstwhile boss of the Chicago mob. Justice Dept. investigators believe that the legendary crowd will be led by John (Jackie the Lackey) Cerone, an unknown to the rest of the nation.

Wherever one looks there are vacuums. Though the Rhode Island parole board is considering freeing the alleged New England boss, the imprisoned Ray Patriarca, the post still is open. So is the leadership of virtually all Eastern families. Slowly the Colombo family leadership is going to prison or into retirement in Florida, for example.

Slowly, feeling their way, their oats and their muscle, young unknowns are moving in. The dons watch them, try to maneuver them, cool them, wait to see which of the newcomers to power will next be grabbed by the FBI, the Justice Dept. anti- crime strike forces and the local police departments. Justice Dept. observers say that Buffalo, St. Louis and Pittsburgh are the "hot" labor racket centers.

So the dons examine the new Mafia alliances. They wait to see who will shoot their way to the top. Then they'll take sides. But for the moment they're cooling it. For them 'tis the season to be wary.

Hearings set for 3 on burglary charge

BLOOMFIELD — Preliminary hearings for Richard Burns of Sikeston, Velton (Pap) Taylor of Morehouse and Henry Powell Thursday were set for Jan. 3 in Magistrate Court on a charge of burglarizing the the Delores Long home near Essex.

The three also face a charge in Scott County of burglarizing the James Coppage home on Sikeston Route One and bogus check charges.

Jimmy Midkiff of Poplar Bluff charged with forging a prescription to obtain a controlled drug was ordered sent to the state hospital at Farmington for treatment after a Dexter physician informed the court that treatment was necessary. The charges against him were continued indefinitely.

Alfred Hill of Bernie, charged with not sending his children to school, failed to appear and his case was continued to Dec. 27. The court was informed that the children are still not attending school. Hill appeared in court last week and informed the court that all his efforts to get his children to attend school had failed.

Hill was informed that if his children did not attend school, they would be turned over to juvenile authorities. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were to have made a report to the court Thursday.

Ronald Lynn McAdams of Bessimer, Ark. pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of careless and imprudent driving and was fined $50. The charge was reduced from driving while intoxicated.

William Patrick Henry pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated and was fined $100.

A preliminary hearing was set Jan. 3 for James Ed Spradling on a charge of felonious assault.

A nonsupport charge against Micheal Ray Westbrook was continued until Dec. 27.

Mitchell W. Moser of Bloomfield and Elbert Porter paid $10 fines for careless and imprudent driving.

Griffin fined $107 on DWI charge

CHARLESTON — A $107 fine on a driving while intoxicated charge was paid this morning in City Court by Johnny Griffin 61, of Charleston. Robert Lee Berry, 18, of Charleston paid a $17 fine for careless and imprudent driving.

Fines of $107 each were paid Saturday in City Court by George Scheffer, 25, of Charleston and Edward A. Golightly, 52, of Charleston on driving while intoxicated charges. Leroy Rank Tatum, 20, of Charleston, forfeited a $125 bond posted on a driving while intoxicated charge.

22 injuries treated

Twenty-two accident patients were treated over the weekend in the emergency room at Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

Six treated Friday were: Beatrice Toney, 63, Sikeston, cut right foot in fall on ice; Guy Woodard, 52, East Prairie, fractured left arm in fall Howard Williams, 30, East Prairie, dislocated left elbow in fall; Jamie Propst, 2, Sikeston, bruised mouth in fall; Carol Jones, 41, Portageville, strained right shoulder in car accident; and JoAnn Northern, 13, Sikeston, injured head in fall.

Eleven treated Saturday were: Charles Cooper, 2, Hardin, Ky., cut scalp in fall against dresser; James Crowe, 26, Sikeston, bruised left third finger at work; Lena Felker, 61, Sikeston, sprained left elbow in fall; Keith Parker, 14, Sikeston, bruises in car accident; Keith Garner, 10, Fenton, bruised left eye in fall on ice; Glenn Gregory, 16, Morley, bruised right hand in car accident.

Bobbie Taylor, 34, Sikeston, bruised left elbow in fall June Aycock, 27, Parma, sprained right ankle in fall on ice; Helen Rucker, 41, Sikeston, bruised left elbow in fall on ice; Edna Taylor, 60, Sikeston, multiple bruises in fall; and Danny Henry, 21, Sikeston, bruised right ankle at work.

Five treated Sunday were: Charlene Hillhouse, 52, Charleston, cut right index finger on knife; Shirley Lavely, 36, Eureka, cut and fractured left thumb, caught hand in car door; Mark Childers, 12, Sikeston, fractured left wrist in fall; Burley Alford, 58, Sikeston, fractured right thumb, hit by falling brick; and Barbara Hardin, 11, Matthews, fractured left arm in fall.

Smoke only dust

Firemen responsed to a fire call at 11:30 a.m. Saturday to TG&Y Family Center in Kingsway Plaza Mall which turned out not to be a fire. Firemen said a furnace in the building had been turned on and blew dust out of the air ducts which was mistaken for smoke.

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Magistrate Court fines 5

NEW MADRID — New Madrid County Magistrate Court had a light docket last week with only five fines assessed on misdemeanor charges.

George Riley Gordon was fined $50 on charges of hunting rabbits from a motor vehicle and hunting rabbits after sunset.

Other fines were levied against Lennie Joe Hinton, operating improperly registered vehicle, failure to display certificate of inspection and no operator license, $30; Donna Jean Dinwiddie, careless and imprudent driving, $20; Robert John Gartland, following too closely, $20; and William Earl Rickman, operating motor vehicle with out- of- state license while a Missouri resident, $20.

Mobile Homes

Ethiopia's nomadic Danakil tribesmen build mobile homes using brushwood, goatskins and straw mats. When water and forage run short, a family simply bundles the collapsible shelter onto a camel and moves on.

Bloomfield pastor accepts advisory council post

BLOOMFIELD— The Rev. John H. Walker, 64, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church and West Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, has accepted an invitation from Gov. Christopher S. Bond to serve as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, which will advise and assist the Methodist Office of Aging in making policy and program decisions affecting the state's older citizens.

There will be 31 people from various parts of Missouri on the governor's council. The first meeting will be called soon by Will Marshall Jr., state director of aging.

The Rev. Mr. Walker is now serving as the chairman of the 18- county Southeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging composed of 10 members.

Greg Comer, executive director of this area, has an office at 225 N. Clark St., Cape Girardeau, phone number 335- 6927. Mrs. Edward Hastings of Van Buren is the nutrition director. She and Comer are paid personnel, but the 10 council members are volunteers and give much time and thought to programs for the elderly in this part of the state.

The SeMo counties include: Cape Girardeau, Perry, Bollinger, Ste. Genevieve, Madison, Iron, St. Francois, Scott, Stoddard, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Dunklin, Butler, Reynolds, Ripley, Carter and Wayne.

6 arrests

Police today announced six arrests.

Included were:

Ulyss Ralph Ayers, 202 Edward, operating a motor vehicle while operator's license revoked; Gregory Jerome Foote, Route One, obstructing traffic; Alton Griffin Stewart, 318 Selma, driving while intoxicated; Ben Andrew Matthews, 710 Hickory, speeding and improper passing; Jon Robert Scarbrough, 320 Kramer Drive, public intoxication and resisting arrest; and Manuel Alan Moit, Box 171 Bertrand, careless and imprudent driving and petit larceny.

GABERONE, Botswana (AP) — The border between South Africa and Botswana, originally defined by the London Convention of 1884, was formally confirmed in a treaty in September 1973.

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Ann Landers

Dying young doesn't mean one has worked himself to death

Dear Ann Landers: I know you have a lot of men readers because I hear men talk about your column a great deal. I also know you speak to a good many men's clubs around the country. So will you please, Ann, address yourself to the male members of your reading audience and ask them this question:

Why are you killing yourselves trying to corner all the money in the world? What good will it do if you are the richest man in the cemetery?

I read the obituaries every night and it makes me sick. So many young executives dropping dead of heart attacks. I'm afraid I'll be seeing my husband's name in their any day now.

How can I get the idea across to a man who is so obsessed with making money that he is putting himself in an early grave? Of course I enjoy the luxuries that come from the fruits of his labors, but I'd rather do without them and have a husband for another 15 or 20 years.

Will you help me and other wives with driven husbands who put in 10- and 12- hour days?-- Afraid Of The Future

Dear Afraid: Hard work never killed anybody. If your husband enjoys what he's doing and is tension- free, leave him alone.

Work doesn't bring on heart attacks. The real demons are overweight, cigarette smoking, failure to exercise, tension and excessively high cholesterol. Picking the wrong ancestors can also mean trouble, but that's the one factor you can't control.

Dear Ann Landers: Why don't you and Mayor Lindsay take a walk-- into the Hudson?

His letter on guns and your hysterical attack about the millions of innocent people who are scared to death to walk from a bus stop to their homes makes no sense.

Why don't you and Hizzoner go back and read the Second Amendment, contained in the Bill of Rights? It says, "A well- regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Sign me-- Student of American History at Columbia U.

Dear Student: You flunked.

In the Colonial period and on into the nineteenth century, militia units organized at the state level served as reserve forces for the military. These militias were taken over by the federal government in 1903, and ultimately abolished through the National Defense Acts of 1920 and 1933; the National Guard now serves in the capacity of the local militia units of old.

The Second Amendment makes a stipulation about the necessity of the militia. This militia no longer exists. Armed defense has been taken out of the hands of locals and put under the direct supervision of the federal government; it is a totally different thing than what the Founding Fathers knew.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 23- year- old son married a 19- year- old girl last week. We had a lovely wedding for them because the bride's parents decided not to bless the union due to religious differences.

At the end of the ceremony, when the clergyman said, "I now pronounce you man and wife," the bride grabbed the groom and nearly strangled him with a kiss that was so passionate everybody in the church laughed. I didn't think it was funny.

Will you please say something about wedding kisses and good taste? Or am I square and old- fashioned? (P. S.: I am 43 years old.)-- Mother Of The Groom

Dear Mother: Passionate kisses should be saved for the honeymoon.

What's prudish? What's O. K.? If you aren't sure, you need some help. It's available in the booklet: "Necking and Petting-- What Are the Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers, P. O. Box 3346, Chicago, Ill. 60654, enclosing 50c in coin and a long, stamped, self- addressed envelope.

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Ann's 1973 Christmas message

In 1955, the year Ann Landers, began writing this column, she wrote a special essay for Christmas Day. Reader response was extremely rewarding and she has reprinted the column annually, with topical modifications. This is Ann's Christmas message for 1973.

Today is Christmas. All about us we hear talk of peace on Earth, good will toward men. Yet we know full well, in many parts of the world there is no peace and in the hearts of many men there is not enough good will. This year has seen the end of the longest, bloodiest, most expensive war in the history of our nation. And now we are faced with the horrendous problem of what to do with the men who chose not to participate. Moreover we must rebuild the country we have devastated. As for the thousands of innocent victims, the women and children who were killed "by mistake," we can only say we are sorry.

Our youth insists that civilization is out of joint. They resent having to live in a world they never made. But what generation ever made the world it had to live in?

We congratulate ourselves that we are the richest, most productive, most powerful nation in the world, but what progress have we made? Is it progress when man can walk on the craters of the moon, but cannot walk safely after dark two blocks from his home.?

This is the age of the Big Rip-Off, the unwashed and the undressed, the blurring of the sexes. Spokesmen for Liberation movements spit in the face of conformity and stare us down with eyes like hypodermic needles. Some fear we are heading toward social decay, going the way of the Romans and the Babylonians. Others applaud the "new morality" and dance on the grave of "phony Puritanism." They herald the sex revolution as symptomatic of a maturing society that promises to encourage creativity and promote better mental health. But will it? Or are we overloading the circuits and promoting additional guilt and anxiety in those who cannot tolerate so much exposure?

One of the most encouraging signs of our times is that the campuses are once again beginning to look like places of higher learning. Much of the hostility and anger of the late 60's is gone. The students have settled down to business. This is the good news. The bad news is that drug abuse has shifted from the campuses to the high schools and the junior highs. Now it's the 14-, 15- and 16-year-olds who are turning to drugs to "expand their minds," or just to turn on. In reality, of course, they have merely opted to anesthetize themselves against the pain of growing up and accepting responsibility.

Every day each of us makes decisions that determine the direction in which our lives will move. No one, no matter how wise, how highly principled or experienced, can make the right decision every time. To err is no disgrace. The disgrace lies in not learning from our mistakes, not recovering from our defeats, not picking ourselves up, brushing ourselves off and trying again.

Since this is a problem column, I spend the greater part of every day with grief and trouble. Does it depress me? No, it does not. After 18 years of this work, I still find it challenging, uplifting and immensely rewarding. I realize that many people who write to me don't want advice. They merely need someone to listen.

I have been entrusted with the largest reading audience in the world. What a unique opportunity to educate, to shine a spotlight on ignorance and fear, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. There is no greater satisfaction than to serve, and I will continue to do my best.

USE THE DAILY STANDARD CLASSIFIED ADS

Miss Taylor is bride of Rick Perry

First United Methodist Church was the setting Dec. 8 for the candlelight wedding of Diane Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart S. Taylor, 237 W. Gladys St., and Richard Wayne "Rick" Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Perry, 414 Missouri Ave.

The Rev. Otto Dvorak performed the double- ring ceremony. Mrs. J. E. Childress provided appropriate organ music and also accompanied Roger Tolliver as he sang "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The couple exchanged vows beneath an arch of greenery interspersed with white doves and centered with three white bells tied with red velvet bows. Red poinsettias flanked both sides of the arch.

White candles on either side of the church aisle, decorated with holly and red velvet ribbon, were lit by Becky Stahley and Kathy Todd Richardson of Cape Girardeau as they proceeded down the aisle to light the tall white altar candles held in three candelabras decorated with greenery and white doves. They wore Christmas green gowns with silver accents which featured long sleeves, low scoop necklines and fitted midriffs with slight fullness in the skirts.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory peau de soie traditional style gown with fitted bodice, sheer illusion yoke outlined in beading and Chantilly lace appliques embroidered in seed pearls and iridescent sequins. The drooped waistline formed a point in front where the divided skirt formed a deep panel pleat over an underskirt .

Mrs. Kay Stauffer Tolliver, dressed in a gown of red crushed velvet with empire waistline, deep "V" neckline and long full sleeves, served as matron of honor.

Janet Shoults of Malden, dressed in an avocado green crushed velvet gown styled identically to the one worn by the matron of honor, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Cheryl Perry Jensen of Cape Girardeau, sister of the groom; Lynne Tenkhoff Coleman of Memphis, Tenn.; and Reva Shaw of Florissant. They wore gowns of identical style in alternate colors of red and green.

Little Kimberly Diane Wortmann of St. Louis, cousin of the bride, wore a floor- length, red, crushed velvet gown similar to those worn by the bridesmaids as she served as junior bridesmaid.

Each attendant carried a white fur muff decorated with a single red velvet poinsetta and velvet ribbon streamers of red and green to contrast with the gown. of Chantilly lace embroidered with seed pearls and iridescent sequins. A self bow was placed at the top of the divided panel.

The back of the gown, featured covered buttons from neckline to hipline with three self bows placed along pleats forming the cathedral- length train. The lily point sleeves fastened with covered buttons, also.

Her bridal bouquet was made of tiny white pompoms, red sweetheart roses and ivy. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls made from a necklace her father had given her mother upon his return from overseas at the end of World War II.

The groom chose Dan Armour of Sikeston as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Jensen of Cape Girardeau, brother- in- law of the groom; Bill Humphries and Terry Schaefer of Sikeston; and Rod Taylor of Rolla, brother of the bride who also served as usher, along with Jeff Taylor of Lansing, Mich., another brother of the bride.

Miss Jane Jones of Malden presided at the guestbook.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall which was gaily decorated in a Christmas motif. The bride's table had a three- tiered wedding cake as its centerpiece. On one end of the table was a cut glass punch bowl filled with red punch and on the other end a silver coffee service.

A garland of holly and red velvet doves added a holiday touch to the white, net- draped table. Serving at the bride's table were Kathy Wilkey Bell of Kennett, Melissa DeLine of Charleston, Charlotte Blattner Ellington of Spanish Lake and Elizabeth McCollum Schaberg of Bridgeton.

The bride's sister- in- law, Judy Spradling Taylor of Lansing, Mich., served the groom's cake. Jack Kinder and his band of Cape Girardeau played for dancing.

Out- of- town guests were:

Todd Taylor of Lansing, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Garner and Phil and Jay of Monroe, La.; Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wortmann and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holmes of St. Louis; Mrs. Shirley Perry of Mexico, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Perry of Vanduser.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith of Florissant; Mr. and Mrs. Merrell Griffith of Hazelwood; Ed Ellington of Spanish Lake; Jack Schaberg of Bridgeton; Dan Krueger of Bloomington, Ill.; Frank Caruso of St. Louis; Rick Bell of Kennett; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Shoults of Portageville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lumsden of Canalou; Mr. and Mrs. Carl McRoy of Dexter; Tom Haire and Bruce Dixon of Columbia; Miss Karen Corbett of Desloge; Mrs. Spec DeLine of Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nickell and Mike and Gregg, Dean Mary Helen Flentge, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Spradling, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crosnoe, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Griffith, Ed Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. David Burns, Miss Susan Webb, Miss Janet Hahs, Joe Bill Davis, Miss Frances Jones, Miss Jane Keller, Miss Anne Hart, Miss Susie Sitter, Bill Leming, Miss Toni Grafner, Miss Mary Ann Carr, Jim Godsey, Shelby Godsey and Mark Thilenious of Cape Girardeau.

On Nov. 16, Miss Taylor was honored with a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Jim Abernathy, Mrs. Merrell Griffith, Mrs. Paul Holems, Mrs. A. P. Sargent and Mrs. Lucien Stoner at the Security Federal Savings and Loan Association community room.

The serving table was laid with a white cloth draped with red net. A centerpiece of red carnations and baby's breath was flanked on either side with silver candelabras holding tall red candles. A silver coffee service was placed on one end of the table and a cut glass punch bowl with red punch on the other. Miss Taylor, her mother and the groom's mother were presented corsages of red carnations by the hostesses.

On Nov. 30, Mrs. Roger Tolliver, Miss Janet Shoults and Miss Jane Jones gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Michael Jensen in Cape Girardeau with Mrs. Ewart Taylor, Mrs. David Perry and Miss Taylor's Alpha Delta Pi sorority sisters as guests. Buffet type refreshments were served from a table decorated in the bride's colors.

On Dec. 2, Miss Taylor was surprised by a get-together of the English faculty from Sikeston High School and presented a gift.

On Dec. 7, the groom's parents were hosts for a rehearsal dinner for members of the wedding party at the Travelodge Restaurant. A Christmas theme was carried out in the table and room decorations. Miss Taylor and Perry presented gifts of jewelry to their attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tolliver entertained members of the wedding party at their home following the rehearsal dinner. The women stayed for a "hen party" and the men went to the home of Terry Schaefer for a "bachelor party".

On Dec. 8, Miss Taylor was guest of honor at a bridesmaid luncheon at the M. E. Stauffer home hosted by Mrs. Stauffer, Mrs. Hugh McCollum and Mrs. Alton Tenkhoff. The Stauffer home was decorated in a Christmas theme. Luncheon tables were decorated with white candles, holly, red velvet poinsettas, red droves and favors of red velvet poinsetta napkin rings.

Miss Taylor presented each guest a bridesmaid figureine, and the honoree was presented a red carnation corsage by the hostesses.

Mrs. Richard Wayne Perry

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Scott County Health Department will sponsor an immunization clinic at its branch office in Sikeston Activity Center, 201 S. Kingshighway, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Christmas Crib

In Germany the Christmas Crib is called the Krippe. In France it is called the Creche, meaning cradle. In Italy it is referred to as the Praesepe, or manger. In Spain it is the Nacimiento, the nativity scene. A famous American Crib is the huge Moravian Putz at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which sometimes has as many as 200 live animals including sheep, camels and leopards.

The idea for the first Christmas Crib came from St. Francis of Assisi about 1200 A.D. At that time books were not plentiful and common people were illiterate therefore the religious leaders often dramatized their preaching or used tableaux to illustrate the religious concepts. In this manner St. Francis constructed the first nativity scene as a literal representation of the Biblical story. In a cave in the woods near the cloister, he instructed a friend to build a manger and to fill it with hay. He placed live animals in this stable for the final touch of realism. On Christmas Eve people gathered to view this scene and as they entered the area they stopped in amazement and fell to their knees in adoration. For there was the manger scene much as it was at the Birth of the Child. St. Francis stood before this creche singing the Gospel and telling the wondrous story. This unforgettable occasion inspired other communities to do likewise and the fashion of the Nativity groups spread widely.

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Miss Davis is president of FHA club

KENNETT — Miss Amy Davis of Deering, representing Delta C-7 High School's Future Homemakers of America chapter, was elected president of the regional FHA organization Dec. 12 at a meeting in a Kennett bank.

Other officers elected were: Tara Rosche of Kennett, first vice president; Rhonda Davis of Deering Delta C-7, second vice president; Tammy Copley of Cooter, secretary; Sharon Strawbridge of Cooter, treasurer; Melinda Jones of Senath, historian; Susan Young of Hayti, reporter; Linda Edgar of Portageville, parliamentarian; and Debbie Matlock of Parma, song leader.

Rosey Fender of Kennett was elected state FHA historian.

The officers will begin their duties in March and will represent their region at the state convention in Columbia next May.

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MIDTOWNER VILLAGE

Qualified Women Drive to Success

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — There's an interstate moving van rolling down the highway with the name "Louise" on a front fender, and that isn't the name of the driver's girl friend.

The truck belongs to, and is driven by Miss Louise Lyman, 27, of Kalamazoo, Mich., first woman to receive a contract driver's certificate from Aerc Mayflower Transit Co.

Miss Lyman was graduated in July from Mayflower's five-week training course and then headed out on her first moving job — one back home to Michigan.

"I can't wait to drive to my parents' home at Grand Rapids, Mich., and say 'Here I am, I passed my tests,' " the hefty, former teacher said before leaving Indianapolis.

She said in an interview here that her family had not disapproved of her choice for a new career, only expressed disbelief.

Louise, working for a veterinarian, was thinking of trying for a job as taxi driver when she spotted an ad for contract drivers in a Kalamazoo newspaper.

She was accepted and "they taught me how to parallel park and back the rig in and things like that."

Training also included packing and loading, book work, log-keeping and filling out shipping information. She had to meet requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission and U.S. Transportation Dept. in addition to her employer's standards.

"I think I'll have good rapport with women, because they'll know that I'll be careful with their things," Louise said.

Referring to the likelihood that male loaders will be working for her at times, Louise said, "There will be men who won't want to work for a woman. But they can do the job, get their pay, and then leave as far as I'm concerned."

Louise majored in physical education at Western Michigan University, but "in 1968, when I was graduated, there were no teaching jobs available."

So she joined VISTA and for one year taught unwed pregnant girls at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Now she's out driving a straight van with 10 forward gears.

She isn't worried about the hours or the work, but admits there may be some problems at truck stops, many of which aren't set up to handle women drivers with sleeping facilities.

"I'll try the truck stops, since that's the cheapest way to go, but if I have to, I'll just stay in motels," she said.

WHEELING—Truck driver Debbie Vase, 22, top photo, laughs from the window of the cab of the truck she handles at a Wyoming Power plant construction site. Louise Lyman, 27, bottom photo, drives a moving van after graduating from a five-week training course for truck drivers.

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
Associated Press Writer

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. (AP) — As she wheeled her flatbed truck around the giant Jim Bridger power plant construction site in southwestern Wyoming, 22-year-old Debbie Vase of Rock Springs let out a scornful laugh at the mention of women's liberation.

Debbie is one of about 20 women among the 2,600 workers employed on the project. A member of the Teamsters Union, she is qualified to drive anything from a semi-trailer rig to a pickup truck and has done a lot of cement truck driving.

Her employers are extremely pleased and credit her with being a better driver than most of the men.

The pretty miss has been driving for Bechtel Corp. at the Bridger site for about 10 months and really sees nothing out of the ordinary in what she is doing.

"I don't need women's lib to get a job," she said confidently. "All that stuff is just a little too much. There are other gals out here. One is even a labor foreman. It's not that hard."

Debbie says she has never had a yen to become a secretary or anything along that line. "It doesn't pay well enough." Knocking down $5.60 an hour for her job on the flatbed, she may have reason. She said other driving jobs pay varying rates.

"It's just a job. It may be unique for some people, but it's just a job — if you keep on your toes."

What's it like being outnumbered more than 100 to one by men?

"There are some jerks, but on the whole I've been treated real well. There is a good bunch of men out here and I have been pretty well respected."

Construction workers are known for their frequent, if not continual, use of expletives. Does this bother her?

"They're just words, what the hell," she said as she turned her head showing one of those words written on the back of her hard hat.

Debbie says she may quit for a couple of months soon, and go up to a hunting camp she runs near Pinedale in Western Wyoming.

An avid outdoorswoman, she just wants to get away from the noise and bustle for a while and hunt, fish and canoe.

HOSPITAL NOTES

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
CENSUS REPORT 12-22-73

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	118	73	6	42
Pediatrics	25	15	0	10
Obstetrics	14	11	0	3
Intensive Care	7	3	0	4

Patients scheduled for admissiontoday: 0

CENSUS REPORT 12-23-73

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	118	64	6	51
Pediatrics	25	11	0	14
Obstetrics	14	8	0	6
Intensive Care	7	3	0	4

Patients scheduled for admission today: 1

CENSUS REPORT 12-24-73

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	118	69	6	46
Pediatrics	25	10	0	19
Obstetrics	14	6	0	8
Intensive Care	7	3	0	4

Patients scheduled for admission today: 0

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY: Released: 12-23-73
Mrs. Linda Ramsey and baby girl, Sikeston
Harold McClendon, Charleston
Imogene Hayden, Sikeston
Mrs. Norma Hoskins and baby girl, Morehouse
Marietta Warfield, Sikeston
Melissa Baker, Sikeston
Mrs. Gwendolyn Jackson and baby girl, East Prairie
Retha M. Jackson, Charleston
Kenneth Wasson, Sikeston
Richard Robinson, Sikeston
Laura B. Wallace, Charleston
Total patients discharged 14
Total patients admitted 15
Births 0

EMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident patients 5
Medical patients 46
Others 0
Total patients seen in the Emergency Room 51

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY: Released: 12-21-73
Reba K. Kestner, Sikeston
Christy Chandler, Charleston
Vernon Smith, Oran
Kathy Taylor, Lilbourn
Renee M. Poley, Wyatt
Nina Middleton, Sikeston
Opal D. Sasseen, Charleston
Elsie Matthews, Sikeston
Raymond Kirmaier, New Madrid
Hope Terrell, Sikeston
Hobert D. Beaton, Portageville
Thelma Dolan, New Madrid
James Husher, Sikeston
Mrs. Barbara Sailors and baby girl, Sikeston
William J. Cravens, New Madrid
Mary E. King, Sikeston
Stanley Gray, Sikeston
Alta Reed, Anniston
Billie J. Oldham, Sikeston
Ida Cranford, Sikeston
Clifton Reynolds, Clinton, Ky.
Montgomery Thomas, Oran
Gene Dorris, Lilbourn
Rosie Ross, New Madrid
Penny Kay Collins, Sikeston
Irma Allen, Sikeston
Total patients discharged 28
Total patients admitted 19
Births 3

EMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident Patients 6
Medical patients 22
Others 6
Total patients seen in the Emergency Room 34

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY: Released: 12-22-73
Betty Jo Watson, Sikeston
Thelma V. Allen, Parma
Diane Bronson, Carbondale, Ill.
Robert P. Williams, Sikeston
Mrs. Linda Manes and baby girl, Sikeston
Mrs. Sarah Fisher, Chaffee
Clyde R. Greer, Morehouse
Beverly Hale, East Prairie
Hattie M. Calhoon, Anniston
Mary L. Doggett, Sikeston
Matthew C. Frances, Kewanee
Ruth I. Smith, Perkins
Lula D. Milton, Sikeston
Lillian Rodman, Sikeston
Alonzo Mott, Sikeston
Leanne Rapert, Freeburg, Ill.
James W. Graham, Sikeston
Paula A. Helt, Cairo, Ill.
Margaret Lankheit, Charleston
Vester C. Smith, New Madrid
Fritz Bohnsack, Sikeston
Michale T. Allen, Sikeston
Total patients discharged 23
Total patients admitted 4
Births 0

cEMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident patients 11
Medical patients 32
Others 1
Total patients seen in the Emergency Room 44

DEXTER MEMORIAL:
Admitted:
Judith Bunch, Malden
Billie Frasier, Dexter
Fran Hanner, Dexter
Mark Claunch, Dexter

CHAFFEE GENERAL:
Admitted:
Mary Burton, Morley
Ruth Weber, Advance
Released:
Elva Bazzell, Jackson
Todd Irwin, Perkins
Bertha Phiffer and baby boy, Sikeston
Charlotte Jansen, Oran
Kelly Schraw, Cape Girardeau

PEMISCOT MEMORIAL:
Admitted:
Rena Payton, Caruthersville
Elsie Robinson, Caruthersville
Hubbie Sparksdale, Caruthersville
Edith Lewis, Caruthersville
Keith Stevenson, Caruthersville
Tessa Franklin, Caruthersville
Eddie Wright, Hayti
Robert Sherwood, Hayti
Lucy Harden, Hayti
Andy Baker, Portageville
Judy Rabey, Braggadocio
Hazel Lony, Corning, Ark.
Michele Grisson, Allveville, Ala.

On a percentage basis, fewer residents of Hawaii own their own homes than the people of any other state of the United States.

Christmas Memories

The shining, sparkling ornaments
Strung on our Christmas tree,
Reach out and take me by the hand
To years that used to be:

I am a little girl once more,
Our tree wears candle lights,
We sing the songs the angels sang
And thrill to simple sights,

Gramp tells us of the Three Wise Men
Who came to Bethlehem,
I dream a little girlish dream
In which I follow them,

The shining, sparkling ornaments
Strung on our Christmas Tree,
Reach out and take me by the hand
To years that used to be!

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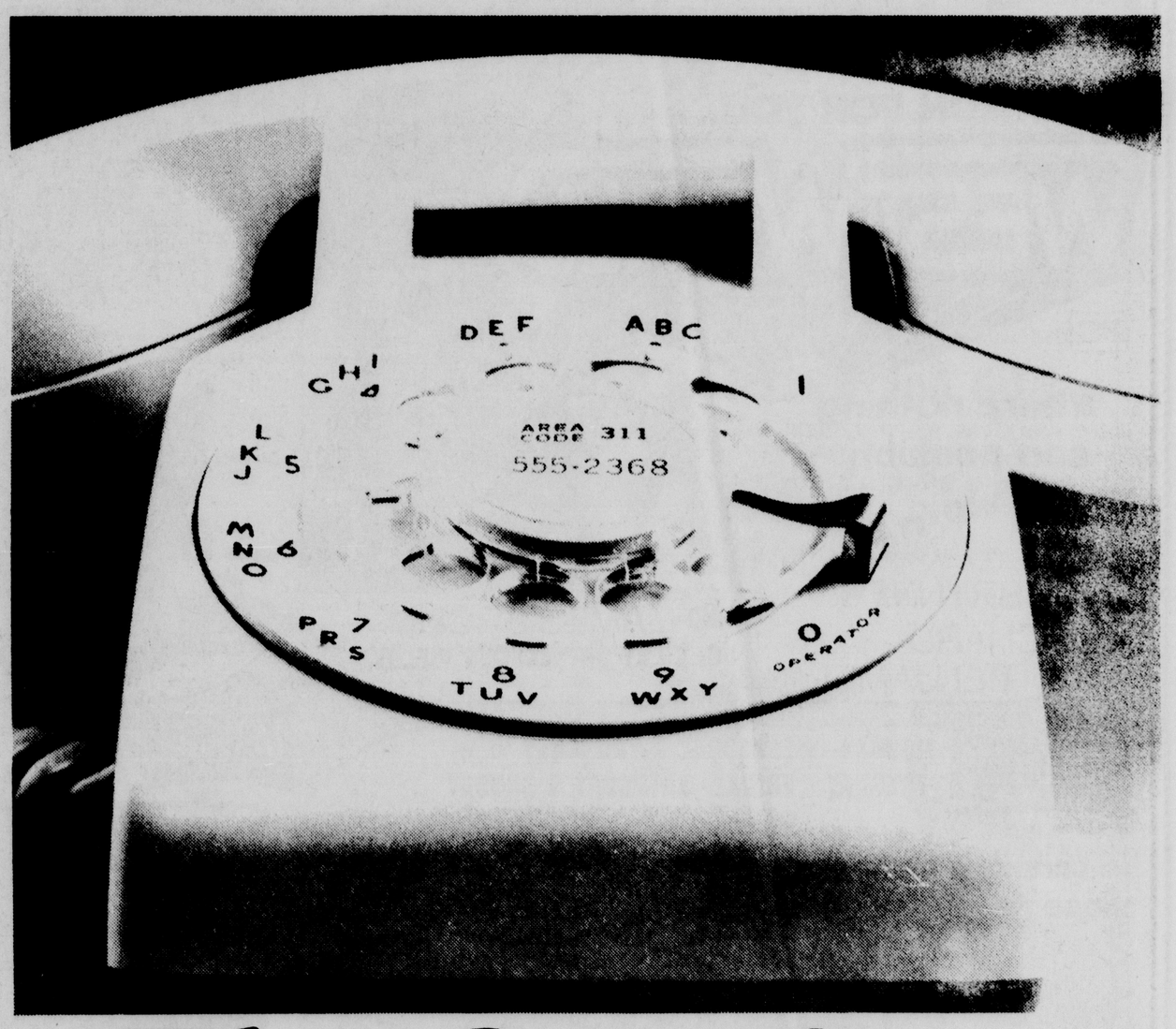

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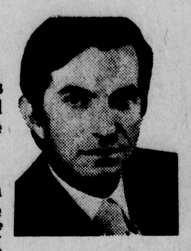
Unofficial contract existed

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — An audit of the state Board of Training Schools released Friday by the state auditor revealed that "an unofficial contract existed and the state's normal bidding procedures" for office renovating work at the board's central office had been circumvented.

The report said an electrician had been paid for 98 hours by the board for renovation work at a rate of $5 per hour. The worker later endorsed his state check over to his regular commercial employer who then paid the worker for 22 hours at $7.70 per hour.

The employer kept the remainder of the state check as if the job had been performed on a regular contract basis, the audit report said.

The auditor's report said an unofficial contract may have existed and the Board of Training Schools should not have used the method of payment it did.



DR. LAWRENCE E. LAMB

Fad diets still bad

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am enclosing a copy of a diet I want you to think on. Is it safe?

DEAR READER — It is unsound, unscientific, and dangerous. The diet is one of those egg diets, or grapefruit diets. It is essentially a low carbohydrate diet that promises you will lose 20 pounds in two weeks. As a rule of thumb, any diet plan that promises you that you will lose more than two pounds a week is suspect. On a very restricted diet, you will have an initial loss of five or more pounds of body fluid and emptying out the digestive system, but that is not fat.

There are 3,500 calories in a pound of fat. Even quite active people usually do not use more than 3000 calories a day, and most people use far less. That means it is virtually impossible to lose a pound a day of just fat for most people. So, if you are losing more than a pound of fat, it means you are losing important body cells from your muscles, your heart, and other vital organs. Just stop and think. If your body uses only 2500 calories a day, you would still not lose a pound a day even if you ate nothing at all.

Incidentally, the famous clinic identified at the top of the diet plan you sent me disclaims any identification or responsibility for the origin of that particular horrible diet plan.

I am more and more convinced that a large number of people are actually harming their health with a variety of ill-conceived diet plans. You need good food to have a good health. The first prerequisite to looking nice is to have good health.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Please explain what is meant by a false positive in a blood test.

DEAR READER — The most common use of the term is in reference to the blood test for syphilis. Such tests are not 100 per cent accurate. There will be a small number of people who have never had syphilis at all who will have a positive blood test. After all the blood test depends upon certain chemicals in the blood which can develop from other causes.

The test is a very good one since there are only a small number of "false positives." Sometimes the false positive reaction is an indication that some completely unrelated medical problem exists.

The same principle applies to other blood tests. You can have a false positive reaction for tests used in diagnosing arthritis, for example.

And, how does the doctor know it is a false positive? He has to do other tests and these with his overall information on the problem enables him to determine which test is an accurate indicator and which one is not. There are other tests, besides the standard blood test used for screening, which he can use to tell if a person has had syphilis. When these more complex tests are done and are negative, then he has his answer.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Prayer for today

from the Upper Room

God slo loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

PRAYER: Our Father, fill our hearts with Your peace and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The energy of a single tornado has been estimated at a hundred million kilowatts, or one-third as much as the total electrical generating capacity in the United States.

LOOKING BACK

Close of Emergency Hospital announced

50 years ago
December 24, 1923

Matthews– G. F. Deane went to New Madrid Thursday on business.

Mrs. R. C. Finley is on the sick list this week.

Miss Maude Herring spent the weekend in Cape Girardeau.

Charleston-- Miss Lynn McPheeters has returned from a visit in St. Louis.

40 years ago
December 24, 1933

Miss Ruth Ward Powell, a student at Central College, Fayette, Mo., arrived home Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Powell.

Miss Lynette Stallcup, a student at Gulf Park College, Gulf Port, Miss., arrived home last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stallcup

January 1, 1934 will find the doors of the Emergency Hospital closed. This announcement is made with regrets by the physicians, surgeons and nurses who have labored faithfully for five years hoping against hope that a suitable building could be had and funds sufficient to enable the hospital to operate without loss.

The Sikeston High School Bulldogs won their opening game of the basketball season from the Blodgett team Wednesday by the score of 18 to 9.

30 years ago
December 24, 1943

Funeral services for Mrs. James N. Stephens, who died in Springfield last Wednesday, were conducted Saturday at Cape. She was born at Blodgett and had lived in Springfield 21 years, where her husband is employed by the Frisco railroad.

Mrs. Lacy Allard, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday, died Thursday. She had been visiting with her sisters at the Baker family residence, 817 North Kingshighway, at the time she suffered the fatal stroke.

Cpl. Lewis E. Hicks, who has been stationed at Camp Crowder with the army, came Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. B. E. Sizemore, until Sunday, when he will depart for the west coast, where he has been transferred.

Mrs. B. F. Blanton is confined to her home because of illness.

20 years ago
December 24, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eaker announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn, to Pvt. Ed Riefler, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Riefler of East St. Louis, Ill. No date has been set for the wedding.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wendell of Oran Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital in Cape.

Funeral services for Harry Hunter, 72, a retired farmer living in Morehouse, will be on the 27th. He died on Christmas Day at his home.

Cape Girardeau– Funeral services for Ray Anderson, 59, a former resident of Scott County, will be held on the 26th. He died Thursday of a heart ailment in a St. Louis hospital.

What's the law?

The case of the unheard whispers

By Jack Strauss, LL.B.

Barney couldn't write but he had plenty of pen pals. He was serving time in a penitentiary where everything was spoken in a whisper. And because Barney couldn't hear too well, to say nothing of anything said in a whisper, he demanded that the warden of the penitentiary provide him with a hearing aid.

The warden, however, turned a deaf ear to Barney's demand and Barney took his demand to court.

"Not being able to hear what's goin on," he complained to the judge, "Makes me feel like an outsider-- and I wish I were."

"What's spoken in a whisper," responded the warden, "probably shouldn't be heard by Barney in the first place. He should concern himself with keeping his nose clean and stop worrying about his ears."

IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, would you order the warden to provide Barney with a hearing aid?

This is how the judge ruled: NO! The judge held, in effect, that a court will not interfere with the decisions of a warden in the operation of a prison. If a warden and his medical department believe a hearing aid is unnecessary for a prisoner, concluded the judge, that's it.

(Based upon a 1964 Montana Supreme Court Decision)

Book Review

NET NET
by Isadore Barmarsh
Avon 14621/$1.50
320 pp.)

Barbara Bannon of Publishers Weekly so well sums up the appeal of Isadore Barmash's NET NET that her review stands alone in describing this novel which, doubtless due to its realism, has been banned in some of the discount department stores whose techniques and managers it so aptly — if irreverently — describes.

NET NET. Isadore Barmash. The author of the very funny and very accurate nonfiction "Welcome to Our Conglomerate, You're Fired" has come up with a dilly of a comic business novel that has excellent sales possibilities. Albert C. Miller, a kind of lovable Sammy Glick, has a genius for retailing in a highly personalized, zany way he can never explain. Gathering around him a group of "Yo-yos," whose ability to flim- flam and somehow come up with a winning combination is second only to his own, he builds up an incredible mercantile empire of discount houses. All goes well, including Al's happy marriage, his love affair with the nymphomaniac lady fashion buyer (eventually he gives her up for Ruthie and the kids). Them, Red Oval stores gets so big they are faced with going public, and Al, who loves being out in the field, has to bring in an outsider as president. What happens after this, as one hot shot administrator after another arrives on the scene, gives Mr. Barmash a chance to pull out all the stops, satirizing how Wall Street biggies operate, a frantic stockholders' meeting, and the way a nice boy who only wants to make money and have everybody love him can be taken. The fact that Mr. Barmash, reporter on retailing and assistant financial editor of the New York Times, obviously knows whereof he writes doesn't make his story any less full of laughs.

Shrimp swim backwards, pushing themselves with their fan-shaped tails.

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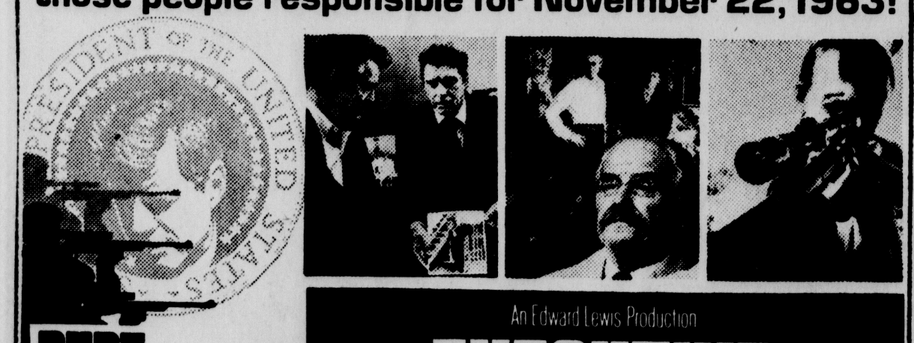
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Masonic officers installed

Installation ceremonies for 1974 officers of Sikeston Lodge No. 310 AF& AM were held Friday night at the Masonic Temple. New officers are: front row, from left, Leonard V. Colley, treasurer; H. Cline Carter, senior warden; Bobby R. Conley, worshipful master; Joseph W. Mills, junior warden; and Elbert F. Sloan, secretary; back row, Walter M. Rayburn, tiler; John M. Scarbrough, junior deacon; C. F. Cline, senior deacon; Theo Poindexter, junior steward; Kenneth Stallings, marshal; and Walter A. Powell, trustee.

Officials say Kissinger optimistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has held several conversations with Henry A. Kissinger on the Mideast peace talks and officials describe the secretary of state as optimistic of progress.

Nixon, at Camp David, Md., talked several times Sunday by telephone with Kissinger on the Arab-Israeli talks in Geneva.

A high U.S. official described Kissinger as reasonably confident that Egypt and Israel will reach an agreement next month on a separation of their armies near the Suez Canal.

However, there may be problems and Kissinger could return to Geneva in January, the official said.

The secretary arrived back in Washington Saturday night after a 15-day, 13-nation journey through Western Europe and the Middle East.

Kissinger returned with a head cold and Nixon told him to "get some rest," a spokesman said. Nixon planned to meet personally with Kissinger this afternoon at the White House, the spokesman said.

During his weekend at his Maryland retreat, Nixon also examined more than 50 pieces of legislation approved by Congress in the closing days of its session.

The high U.S. official described Kissinger as reasonably confident that after the Dec. 31 Israeli elections there will be progress on disengagement on the Suez front.

Kissinger expects the negotiations then to move on to reopening the canal to Israeli shipping and the ships of all nations carrying goods to and from the Jewish state.

Kissinger told newsmen that only a United Nations representative, probably Maj. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo of Finland, will attend the military disengagement talks between Israel and Egypt.

The Soviet Union had exerted pressure to have Russian and American representatives at the negotiations.

At the same time, U.S. officials viewed a private call by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko on Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban as a "positive step."

They also noted that Gromyko and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, while attacking Israel in public, carefully preserved room for negotiations with the Jewish state.

Jordan is seen as the most likely Arab state to come to terms with Israel. Kissinger expects an Israel-Jordan disengagement committee to be set up, possibly within the next two weeks, officials said.

Santa and Snoopy visit

Santa Claus and Snoopy were the center of attraction at a Christmas party sponsored by Sikeston Elks Ladies for their children and guests recently. Behind Snoopy and Santa, from left, are Stephen Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell; Michael Cokenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cokenour; and Jasen Bearden and his mother, Mrs. J. D. Bearden. Standing in front of Snoopy are Robert Dock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dock Jr.; and Johnny Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins.

River stages

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

	Flood	Now	Ch.
Chester	27	11.0	+1.2
Cape Girardeau	32	16.5	+.6
New Madrid	34	16.7	+.3
Caruthersville	32	18.0	Una

FORECAST

At Chester the river will rise .8 Tuesday; rise .2 Wednesday; and rise .2 Thursday.

At Cape Girardeau the river will rise 1.2 Tuesday; rise .3 Wednesday; and rise .5 Thursday.

At New Madrid the river will rise .4 Tuesday; rise .5 Wednesday; and rise .4 Thursday.

At Caruthersvillethe river will fall .3 by Tuesday; fall .2 Wednesday; and rise .2 Thursday.

OHIO RIVER

	Flood	Now	Ch.
Golconda	40	20.1	+.1
Paducah	39	18.8	+.5
Grand Chain	42	26.1	+.2
Cairo	40	25.9	-.1

Livestock market

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Ill. (AP) — Estimated receipts for Wednesday: 6,000 hogs, 1,000 cattle and 100 sheep.

Hogs 5,500; trading moderately active. Very uneven. Butchers steady to weak, instances 25-50 lower. Sows steady to 3.00 higher. U.S. 1-2, 200-230 lb butchers mostly 42.50; around 200 head42.75 and around 35 head 43.00. U.S. 1-3, 200-220 lbs 42.00-42.50; 220-250 lbs 41.00-42.50. U.S. 1-3, 300-350 lb sows 35.00; 350-450 lbs 33.0034.00; 450-600 lbs 34.00. Boars 29.25-29.50 with weights under 250 lbs mostly 33.00-33.50, few 34.00.

Cattle 1,500; hazardous road conditions and pre-holiday market disrupted normal marketing practices. Slaughter steers 501.50 higher, heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Cows 1.00 higher, bulls fully steady.

Slaughter steers: choice 9501100 lbs yield grade 2-4, 42.0043.00; 1100-1200 lbs 40.50-42.00, few lots choice and prime near 1050 lbs yield grade 3-4, 43.00; 1100-1150 lbs 41.50-42.00. Load good and choice 1300 lb yield grade 2, 40.50, good Holsteins 1200 lbs yield grade 2, 38.00.

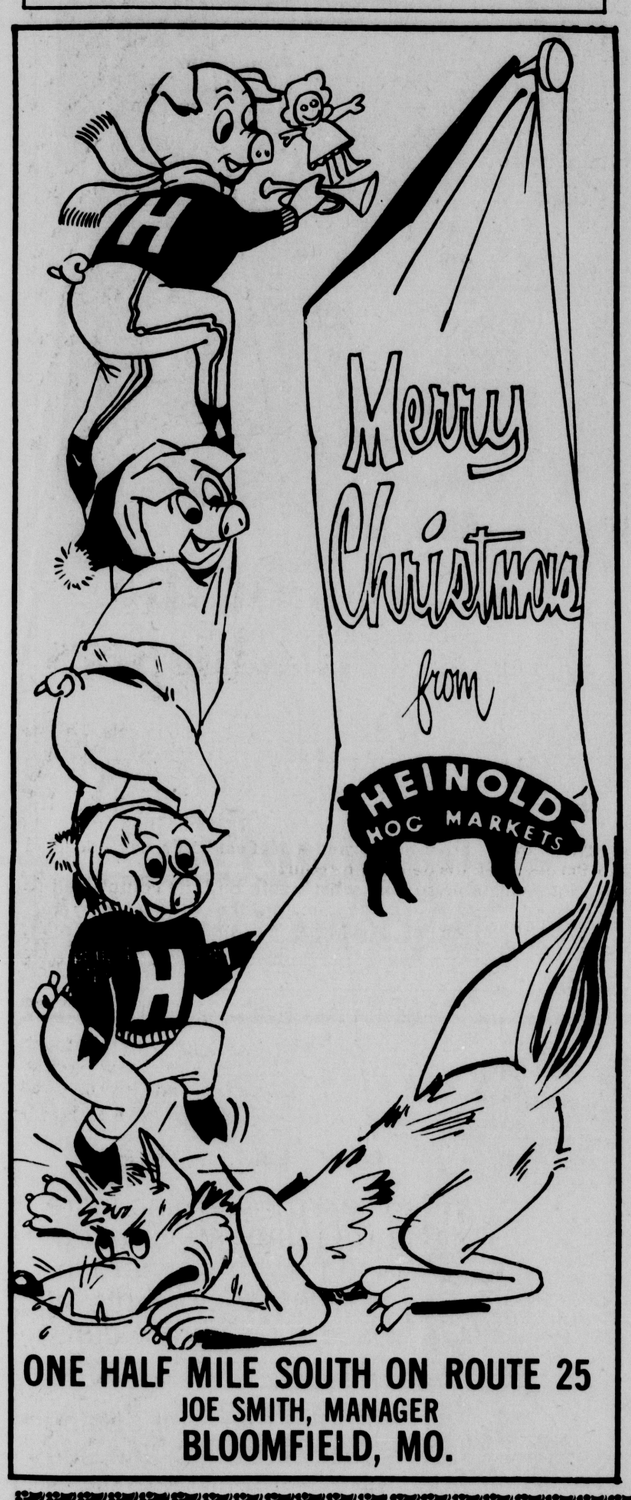
Slaughter heifers: choice 8001000 lbs yield grade 2-4, 40.5042.00; few loads choice and prime yield grade 3-4, 41.5042.00.

Cows: commercial 28.00-31.00, utility 29.00-33.00, few 34.00 cutter 26.00-30.00, canner 24.0026.00. Bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1100-1600 lbs 39.00-40.00, individual 41.00. Vealers: choice 55.0060.00. Feeders: few lots choice steers 800-900 lbs 41.00-43.00.

Local stocks

	BID	ASK
1st Nat Bk of Sik	7	7½
Anheuser Busch	29¾	30½
Olson Bros	1	1½
Martha Manning	1	1½
Pabst Brewing	20¼	20¾
Chase Nat	6½	7½
Wetterau	14¼	14¾
LISTED STOCKS		
Allied Stores		20
American Tel & Tel		50½
American Motors		8½
Calvert Exp		3¾
Chrysler		15¼
Columbia Gas		25¼
Eaton MFG		24½
Ford Motors		40¾
General Motors		47
Interstate Brands		5
Malone & Hyde		18¼
Mid South Util		17
J. C. Penney		65¼
New England Elect		19
Occidental Pet		8¼
WalMart Stores		13½

EDITOR'S NOTE: The bid price is the approximate price if one were a seller and the asked price is the approximate price if one were a buyer. These are listings at the close of the previous market.



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC. 24, 1973

3:00 Glen Campbell — State Bank of Morehouse
3:30 Nat King Cole — Jean's Studio
4:00 Mitch Miller — Hart's Bread
4:30 Nashville Brass — Pizza Inn
5:00 The Night Before Christmas — Bootheel Dairy
5:30 A Christmas Carol — P. N. Hirsch
6:00 Andy Williams — Rye's Jewelry
6:30 Little Star of Bethlehem — Kingsway Plaza Mall Assoc.
7:00 Johnny Cash — Sikeston Light & Water
7:30 Mahailia Jackson — Sikeston Fire Dept.
8:00 David Rose — Sikeston Police Dept.
8:30 Charlie Pride — Shoe City
9:00 Barbara Streisand — McDonalds Restaurant

CHRISTMAS DAY — DEC. 25, 1973

8:30 Eddie Arnold — Watkins & Sons Funeral Homes
9:00 Wayne Newton — Malone & Hyde
9:30 Doris Day — Chiles-Cooper Funeral Chapel
10:30 Bobby Sherman — Shelby Funeral Homes
11:00 Perry Como — Hornback Grocery
11:30 Country Christmas — Herb Stephens Real Estate
12:30 T. Ernie Ford — Pyramid Roofing Co.
1:00 Nashville Christmas — Charlie Terrell
1:30 Ray Conniff — Scott-Huff Ins.
2:00 Living Strings — Liberty Food Store
2:30 Frank Sinatra — Noranda Company
3:00 George B. Shea — Welsh Funeral Home
3:30 Mitch Miller — Duffy, Rainey Funeral Home
4:00 Dean Martin — Lewis Furniture
4:30 Mormon Choir — Buckner-Ragsdale
5:00 Percy Faith — Bill O'Guinn Funeral Home
5:30 Jesus & Mary Choral Group — Sure Kill, Inc.
6:00 Robert Shaw — Imperial Floor Covering
6:30 Boston Pops — Lindsey's M & H
7:00 First Baptist Church Cantata
8:00 The Mesiah — Security National Bank

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City traffic near normal

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Highway traffic returned to near normal in the St. Louis area today, with the exception of occasional dense patchs of fog on the highways.

State Police in Missouri and Illinois said Sunday night that temperatures in the upper 30's and a light rain helped clear the streets and highways of most of the packed snow ard ice that had made driving hazardous since a record snowfall on Wednesday.

Air travelers felt the effect of the fog Sunday as low visibility forced airport officials to divert nearly 100 incoming flights at Lambert St. Louis Municipal Airport.

Airline spokesmen said the terminal building at the airport was jammed with hundreds of passengers whose incoming flights went on to other cities in search of better landing conditions.

Spokesmen for the major bus lines in St. Louis said buses were still running behind schedule—but that clear highways were permitting them to make up some lost time.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I don't know my name yet, because I am only five hours old. I do know that I am a beautiful Baby Boy, because everybody says I am. All I want for Christmas is love. Love for my mommy and daddy, my grandparents, all my aunts and uncles, cousins, and all my friends. Also, Santa, please take care of me and my family and let us grow together with the spirit of Christmas.

Baby Boy Hopper

Dear Santa,

My name is Tommy and I am 7. I am in Mrs. Schumacher's room. I have been good this year. I would like to have a Rescue Rig and a Superman doll my sister Tara want's a table and chair set.

Please bring my brother Todd a play horse.

We will leave cocoa and cookiers under the tree for you.

Love
Tommy Hughes

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 9 years old. And I go to Lee Hunter school. For Christmas I would like a 410 shot gun and a G.I' Joe and a Santa Claus doll. That go Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas and roller skates.

Thank you
Tommy Stone

P.S. I will leave cookies and milk out on the talble

Frustration is going down an up escalator.

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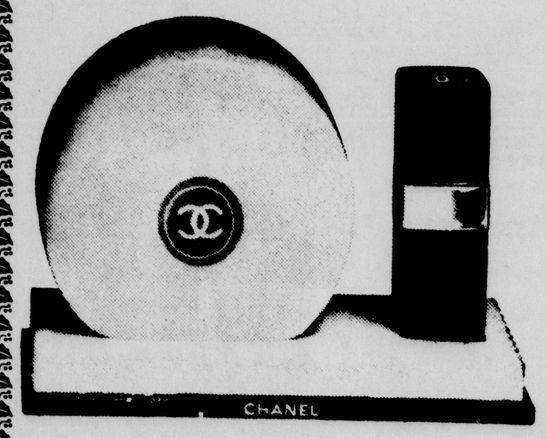

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Deaths

LULA WALLACE

CONRAN -- Lula Wallace died Sunday in Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital at Hayti.

The body is at DeLisle Funeral Home in Portageville where arrangements are imcomplete.

EMIL DOHOGNE

KELSO — Emil E. Dohogne, 88, died Sunday at Cape LaCroix Manor in Cape Girardeau.

Born April 4, 1885, he was the son of the late Constantine Dohogne and Rosena Heisserer and was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso.

On Aug. 5, 1908, he married Dora Welter who preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1967.

Surviving are one son, Walter Dohogne of Kelso; four daughters, Mrs. Earl Robert, Mrs. Edward Gerecke, Mrs. James Wulfers of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Odis Randolph of St. Louis; one brother, Ben Dohogne of Phoeniz, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. Alvina Seyer of Oran; and 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Amick-Burnett Funeral Home in Illmo after 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Augustine Catholic Church with Msgr. Joseph Keusenkothen officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

SHELIA ANN EIFERT

SCOTT CITY — Shelia Ann Eifert infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricahrd R. Eifert, died at birth, at 11:28 a.m. Sunday at Fenton Clinic in Oran.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are one sister, Michelle Eifert of the home; paternal grandfather, Richard Eifert of Cape Girardeau; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Parker of Jackson; paternal great- grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turk Eifert of Illmo; and maternal great- grandmothers, Mrs. Hazel Parker of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Marie Kimbel of Neelys Landing near Jackson.

Graveside rites were conducted at 10 a.m. today at Lightner Cemetery near Illmo.

DORA M. BULLINGTON

PORTAGEVILLE -- Dora May Bullington, 68, died Thursday in Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital at Hayti.

A lifelong resident, she was born Nov. 16, 1905 to the late William Henry and Louise Estes.

She was married in 1935 to Felix A. Bullington, who died in 1955.

Survivors include three sisters, Lora Ella Johnson of Maryland Heights, Rosa Lee Gremard and Nera Frances Maloney of Portageville.

Services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Adams officiating.

Burial was in Portageville Cemetery with DeLisle Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

BEN SIMPKINS

EAST PRAIRIE-- Ben H. Simpkins, 80 of Star Route died at 3 p.m. Saturday in Missouri Delta Community Hospital at Sikeston after a brief illness.

A retired farmer, he was born Sept. 16, 1893 in Hornersville to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Simpkins.

A resident of Mississippi County for 20 years, he was a member of First Baptist Church.

His first wife, Mary Janes Owens Simpkins, preceded him in death Jan. 22, 1956. On Sept. 29, 1956, he married Gertie Hale, who survives.

Other survivors are four sons Carl Simpkins of East Prairie, Johnny Simpkins of Charleston and Roy and Jimmy Simpkins of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Eli Threasher of Barlow, Ky. and Mrs. James Prince of Charleston; one sister, Mrs. Pearl McMahan of East Prairie; two stepsons, Wilbur Hale of Arnold and Donnie Wolford of East Prairie; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Jack Achter and Mrs. Charles Brown of East Prairie and Mrs. Jerry Moore of Arnold; and 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and nine stepgrandchildren.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. today at McMikle Funeral Home by the Revs. Ted Wimberley, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Winfred Caudill, pastor of First Church of God.

Burial was in Dogwood Cemetery.

MYRTIS MAINORD

EAST PRAIRIE-- Mrs. Myrtis Mainord, 79, of Route One died at 11 p.m. Friday in Southeast Missouri Hospital at Cape Girardeau following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 15, 1894 in East Prairie to the late Mr. and Mrs. William Scott.

A lifelong resident of Mississippi County, she was a member of First Christian Church.

On March 31, 1913, she married Miles Frank Mainord, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lauranna Clevidence of East Prairie and Mrs. Mary Beth Keasler of Tulsa, Okla.; four sons, Robert Mainord of Neferland, Tex., Scott and Milas Rex Mainord of East Prairie and Bill Mainord of Ridge Farm, Ill.; and 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 10 a.m. today at Shelby Funeral Home by the Rev. Lee Erwin, pastor of First Christian Church.

Burial was in East Prairie Memorial Park Cemetery.

MARTIN A. PERKINS

EAST PRAIRIE-- Martin Andrew "Curley" Perkins, 69, of 210 N. Garfield, a retired farmer, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at his home after a brief illness.

He was born April 1, 1904 in Morganfield, Ky., to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perkins.

He had lived in Scott and Mississippi Counties most of his life and was a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Charleston.

Survivors include his widow, Gertrude Perkins of Portageville; three sons, Charles, Paul and Tommy Perkins of Portageville; three daughters, Mrs. Gail Bradford of Portageville, Mrs. Barbara Jean Quick of Chicago and Mrs. Patricia Smith of Oklahoma City; one brother, Si Perkins of Dallas, Tex.; and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Holmes of Diehlstadt and Mrs. Fred Marstella and Miss Agnes Perkins of Indianapolis, Ind.

The body is at McMikle Funeral Home in Charleston where friends may call after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Services are scheduled at 9 a.m. Wednesday in St. Henry's Catholic Church with Msgr. Charles P. Schmitt officiating.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery near Charleston.

St. Henry's parish family will assemble for scripture reading and prayer at 4 p.m today in the funeral home.

BERTHA TAYLOR

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Mrs. Bertha Tucker Taylor, formerly of Sikeston, Mo., died at 8 p.m. Sunday at Carle Hospital.

She married Ralph Tucker, who preceded her in death in 1965, and later married Forrest Taylor, who died in 1969.

Surviving are one daughter, Marlyn Bemunger of Champaign; three sisters, Avis Taylor of Sikeston, Beulah Rayon of Roledo and Mrs. Clarence Ives of Macomb; four brothers, Don Crandall of Dearborn, Mich., Gene Crandall of Roseville, Gerald Crandall of Kirkwood and Paul Crandall of Avon, Ill.; and one granddaughter.

Services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Heath Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda Jordon officiating.

Burial will follow in East Lawn Cemetery.

IRENE COOPER

Irene Cooper, 65, of Route One died at 9:55 a.m. today in Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

A retired employe of the International Shoe Co., factory she was born May 3, 1908.

She is survived by her widower, Henry J. Cooper; one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Dalton of Chaffee; two sons, Terry Cooper of Doniphan and Roger Cooper of Brookfield; three sisters, Mrs. Jo Mason and Mrs. Lucille Wallen of Sikeston and Mrs. Lula Woody of Charlotte, N.C.; two brothers, David Cline of Sheffield, Ala., and Paul Cline of Vienna, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The body is at Nunnelee Funeral Chapel where arrangements are incomplete.

TRESA L. WHITEHEAD

DEXTER — Tresa Laura Whitehead, 81, died Saturday in Poplar Bluff Hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1892 at Bernie and was a member of the Nazarene Church.

On Nov. 30, 1913, she married Thomas Whitehead, who preceded her in death June 8, 1969.

Survivors include one son, Avery Whitehead of Pontiac, Mich. four daughters, Edna Williams of Yukon, Betty Couch of Pontiac, Mich., Wanda Couch of Flint, Mich., and Delta Ivy of Dexter; three brothers, Milton Stafford of Campbell, Willie Stafford of St. Louis and John Stafford of Sikeston; and 11 grandchildren and 13 great- grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Tuesday at Duffie- Rainey Funeral Home in Bernie where services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. John Coats officiating.

Burial will be in Bernie Cemetery.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas my name is Toby Michelle Hopper. I am four months old, and so far, I have been a very good little girl. For Christmas I would like a crib gym set, a playpen, a highchair, my own little lamp, a pretty red dress, soem fun toys and rattlers for when I'm a little older, some ribbons for my pretty long hair, and a nice, safe world to grown up in . Don't forget my mommy and daddy, my grandparents, my aunts and uncles, my three boy cousins, and all my friends, 'cause I love them all.

Toby Michelle Hopper

Five most active

Dow Jones Industrial Averages at noon were down 8.84 on a volume of 6.50 million shares.

NYSE MOST ACTIVE:

Bantor-Punta	4 3/8	+1/4
Goodyear	13 1/4	+1/8
Westghs	25	+5/8
Chrysler	15	-1/4
Utah Intern.	47	-3 5/8

LISTED STOCKS

Amer Tele	49 3/4
Anheuser Busch	29 1/2
Butler Natl	1 5/8
Cooper Tire	8 1/8
Evans Prod.	9 1/8
Feld Leasing	6 1/4
Ford	39 1/8
Manchester Life	3 1/8
Gen. Mtrs.	46 3/4
Interco	22 3/4
Behtlehem Steel	32 3/4
Malone & Hyde	18 3/8
Mid Am. Great Plains	—
Noranda Mines	49 1/4
R. J. Reynolds	38 1/2
Redman	3 7/8
Rival Mfg.	24 3/4
St. Joe Mineral	34 1/4
Texaco	26 7/8
TransAmerica	8 1/4
Wetterau Foods	14 5/8

These quotations were provided at 11 a.m. today by Don Sarno, account executive, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., 220 N. Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo. 63102. Call toll- free1-800 392-3430.

The oil shortage is the greatest book Amtrak ever got to put itself back on the rails.

Kids these days have to help Dad with the homework.

WINTER'S GRANDEUR reflects the friendly sunshine in this scene at the country club in Fairfield, Iowa. The photographer made it facing the sun's glare in mid-afternoon. Footprints and snowmobile tracks uneven the placid snow.

Weather elsewhere

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany	34	4		clr
Albu'que	35	24	.01	cdy
Amarillo	51	26		sn
Anchorage	20	17	.07	M
Asheville	55	28		cdy
Atlanta	57	33		cdy
Birmingham	56	44		rn
Bismarck	20	17	.01	sn
Boise	44	29	.12	cdy
Boston	39	22		clr
Brownsville	79	68		cdy
Buffalo	31	13		cdy
Charleston	57	39		clr
Charlotte	55	32		cdy
Chicago	34	29	T	rn
Cincinnati	41	37		rn
Cleveland	32	28	.01	cdy
Denver	35	27	1.37	sn
Des Moines	29	26	.15	rn
Detroit	33	19		rn
Duluth	22	18		cdy
Fairbanks	-12	-20		M
Fort Worth	66	44	.12	cdy
Green Bay	28	21		cdy
Helena	34	25	.01	clr
Honolulu	80	65	.08	cdy
Houston	70	64	.08	cdy
Ind'apolis	37	35	.01	rn
Jacks'ville	63	33		clr
Juneau	29	26	.14	M
Kansas City	44	40	.49	rn
Little Rock	66	47	.67	rn
Los Angeles	M	M	M	clr
Louisville	46	39	.02	rn
Marquette	20	-2	.01	clr
Memphis	60	48	.77	rn
Miami	71	63		cdy
Milwaukee	34	31		rn
Mpls-St.P.	28	24		sn
New Orleans	71	62	.11	rn
New York	42	27		clr
Okla. City	M	M	M	rn
Omaha	29	25	.17	rn
Philad'phia	M	M	M	clr
Phoenix	62	35		clr
Pittsburgh	33	30		cdy
P'tland, Ore.	53	41	.01	rn
P'tland, Me.	31	16	.01	clr
Rapid City	28	25		cdy
Richmond	53	31		cdy
St. Louis	37	33	.12	rn
Salt Lake	37	25	.05	cdy
San Diego	62	49		clr
San Fran	53	49		cdy
Seattle	48	42		rn
Spokane	38	32	.01	rn
Tampa	68	50		cdy
Washington	48	36		cdy

WEDNESDAY

"Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?" —Acts 7:49.

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Police are searching for a man thought to be in his early 20s who put gas in his car Saturday at Clinton Baugher's self- service station on East Malone Avenue and left without paying for it.

Baugher told police the man was driving a white camper van and headed east on East Malone.

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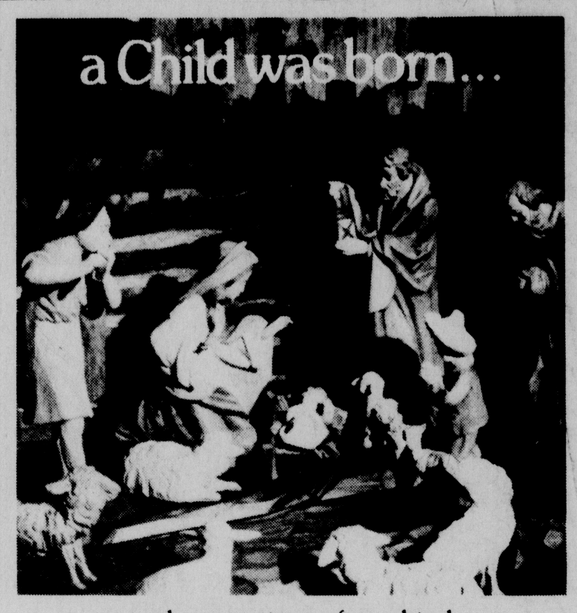

and generations of mankind have found life's meaning in His message.

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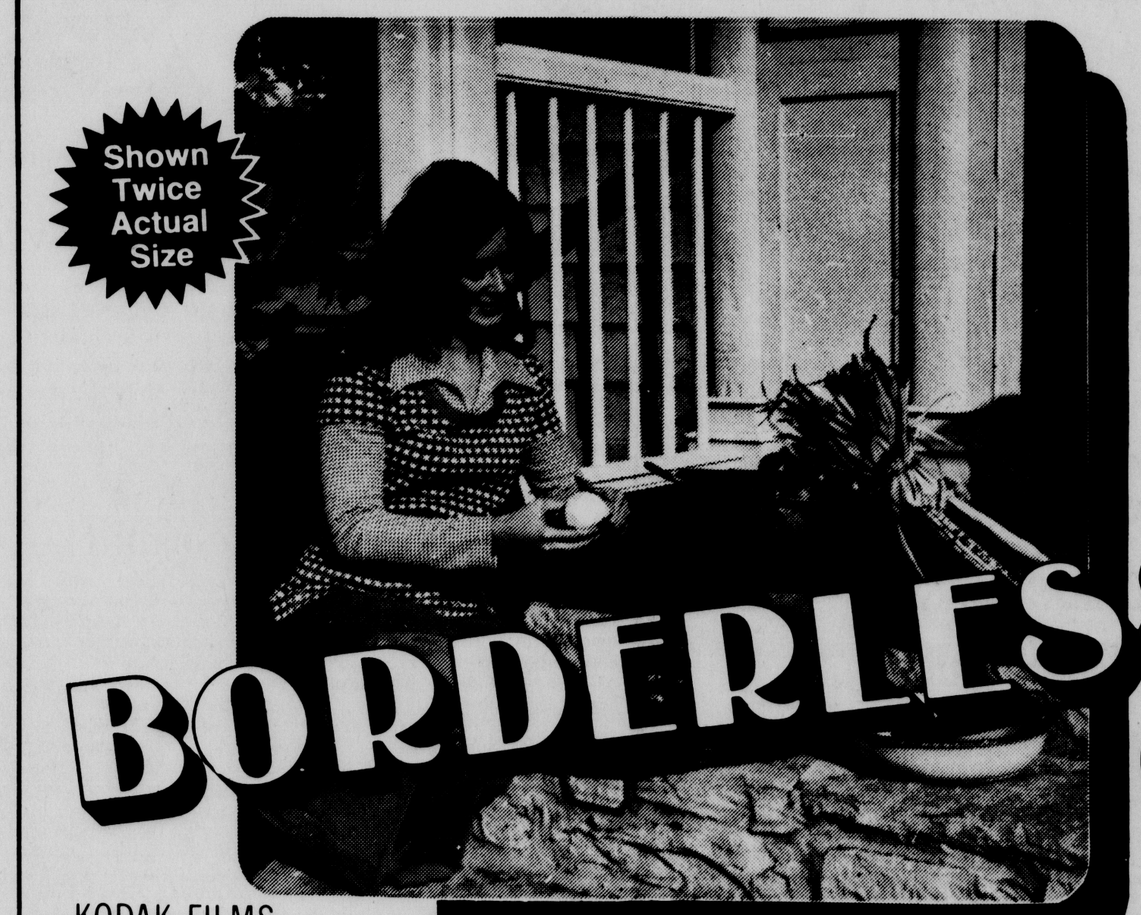

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Bulldogs bow out of Holiday tourney

By STUART McGHEE

BLOOMFIELD--- The second round of the 17th Annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament got underway Saturday night with Parma beating Oran 62- 61 in the opening game, while Neelyville took Dexter 81- 47, Kennett turned back Sikeston 72- 52 and Bell City dropped a 71- 49 decision to Poplar Bluff.

Rolly Perkins led the Parma Pirates to a 62- 61 victory over the Oran Eagles in what proved to be the most exciting game of the night. The Pirates took an opening lead of 15- 10 in the first quarter only to fall behind 44- 36 at the half. With a determined drive the Pirates outscored the Eagles 18- 14 in the third quarter making the score 48- 39 in favor of the Eagles. Parma had a 23 point fourth quarter that gave them the lead and eventually the victory.

High point man for the Pirates was Rolly Perkins with 32 points followed by Ricky Barnes with 8. Ronnie Hurst paced the Eagles with 30 points. Following Hurst was Curtis Caldwell with 13.

In the second game of the evening, top- seeded Neelyville made short work of the Dexter Bearcats.

The Tigers jumped out in front of the Bearcats in the first quarter 21- 6. The Tigers worked the Bearcats over again in the second quarter outscoring them 25- 13 for a halftime score of 46- 19. Third quarter action was a bit closer with Neelyville scoring 19 compared to 16 for Dexter. The Bearcats outscored the Tigers in the fourth quarter 18- 16 but this effort fell short. The final score:

Neelyville 81- Dexter 47.

Tommy Robinson led the Tigers with 24 points followed by Ronnie Hoggard with 13. High point man for the Bearcats was Mike Cooksey with 14. Mark Clippard was next with 10.

The fifth ranked Kennett Indians easily defeated the Sikeston Bulldogs 72- 52.

In the first quarter the Bulldogs showed a possible upset in the making as they outscored the Indians 13- 10. The Indians stood tough throughout the rest of the first half as they outscored the Bulldogs 20- 4 in the second quarter for a 30- 17 half time lead. Indian dominance was shown through the third quarter as they outscored the Bulldogs 28- 7. The scoring totals of the fourth quarter was a bit turned around with the Bulldogs scoring 28 to 14 for the Indians.

The top scorer for the Indians was Ben McCraken with 24 points. Following McCraken was Robert Roundtree with 22. Roger Tillman and Vangalee West were the leading scorers for the Bulldogs with eight points each.

In the final game of the night, fourth seeded Poplar Bluff easily defeated the Bell City Cubs 71- 49.

In the first quarter Poplar Bluff took the lead outscoring the Cubs 17- 8. The second quarter was closer with Bell City scoring 13 to 17 for the Mules. Poplar Bluff had the lead at the half 34- 21. The game remained close through the third quarter with Poplar Bluff outscoring the Cubs 16- 14. In the fourth quarter Poplar Bluff hit for 21 points while the Cubs hit for 14 to make the final score 71- 49.

High point men for the Mules were Bruce Dameworth with 16 and Robert Dodd with 16. For the Cubs, Joe Brown hit for 20 points. Joe Stephens was next with eight.

SCORING:

PARMA (62)
Rolly Perkins 32, Gaines 6, Gibson 6, Ramsey 2, Ross 4, Barnes 8, Thatch 4. Totals: FG— 29; FT— 4, PF— 12

ORAN (61)
Hurst 30, Caldwell 13, Friga 6, LeGrand 12. Totals: FG— 28; FT— 5; PF— 10

Score By Quarters:
Parma 15 6 18 23— 62
Oran 10 4 14 13— 61

NEELYVILLE (81)
Robinson 24, Hoggard 13, Johnson 11, Walters 9, Purdom 8, Whitehan 6, Haynes 7, Emmons 2, Palley 2, Smith 2. Totals: FG— 39; FT— 3; PF— 15

DEXTER (47)
Cocksey 14, Clippard 10, Reynolds 8, Miller 4, Backfish 4, Ayres 4, Mathis 2, Espey 1. Totals: FG— 18; FT— 11; PF— 8

Score By Quarters:
Neelyville 21 25 19 16— 81
Dexter 6 13 10 18— 47

KENNETT (72)
McCraken 24, Roundtree 22, Williams 14, Miltenberger 8, Shands 4. Totals: FG— 32; FT— 8; PF— 20

SIKESTON (52)
Couch 2, Bauman 4, West 8, Jones 4, Wissman 3, Tillman 8, Marks 6, Dockins 3, Pressley 4. Totals: FG— 23; FT— 6; PF— 12

Score By Quarters:
Kennett 10 20 25 14— 72
Sikeston 13 4 7 28— 52

POPLAR BLUFF (71)
Brown 4, Jones 7, Matthews 6, Casey 4, Johnson 5, Dodd 16, Harrell 11, Daneworth 16. Totals: FG— 31; FT— 9; PF— 12

BELL CITY (49)
Stephens 8, Brown 20, Rivers 6, Fitts 8, Scherer 2, Eakins 5. Totals: FG— 22; FT— 5; PF— 14

Score By Quarters:
Poplar Bluff 17 17 16 21— 71
Bell City 8 13 14 14— 49

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High School Basketball

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Lilbourn 77, Kelly 73

Bloomfield Holiday Tourney

Parma 62, Oran 61

Neelyville 81, Dexter 47

Kennett 72, Sikeston 52

Poplar Bluff 71, Bell City 49

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Cape Holiday Tournament

Meadow Heights vs. College High (9:00) AM

Oak Ridge vs. Woodland (10:30) AM

Delta vs. Charleston (12:00)

Jackson vs. Leopold (1:30)

Clearwater vs. Portageville (3:00)

Kelly vs. Illmo-Scott City (4:30)

Notre Dame vs. Chaffee (7:00)

Cape Central vs. Scott Central (8:30)

Bloomfield Holiday Tourney

Parma vs. Neelyville (4:30)

Kennett vs. Poplar Bluff (6:00)

Malden vs. Matthews (7:30)

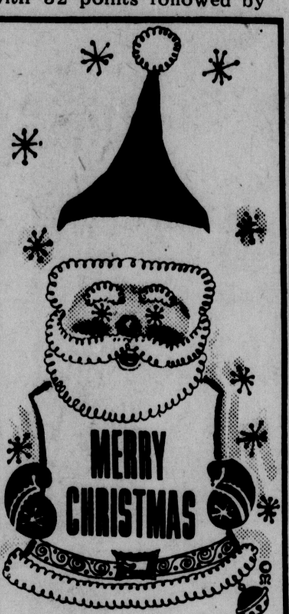
Advance vs. Puxico (9:00)

Flat River Holiday Tourney

Flat River Central vs. Leadwood (6:00)

North County vs. Windsor (7:30)

Perryville vs. St. Vincent (9:00)



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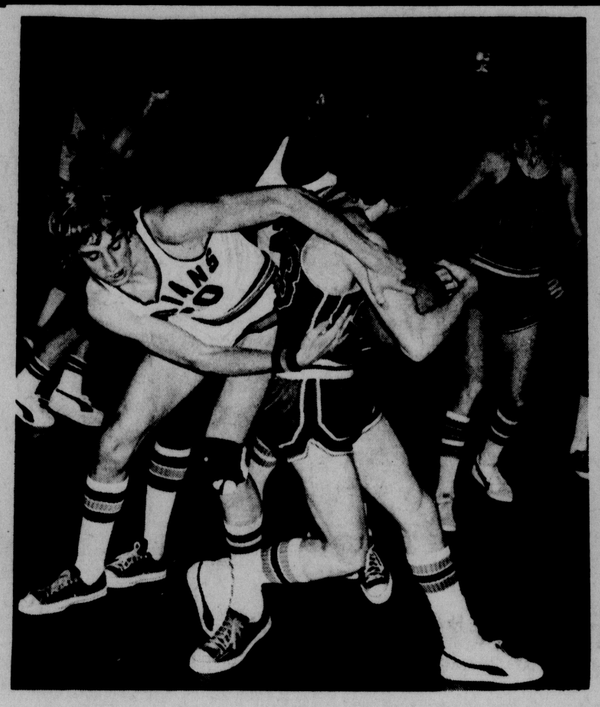
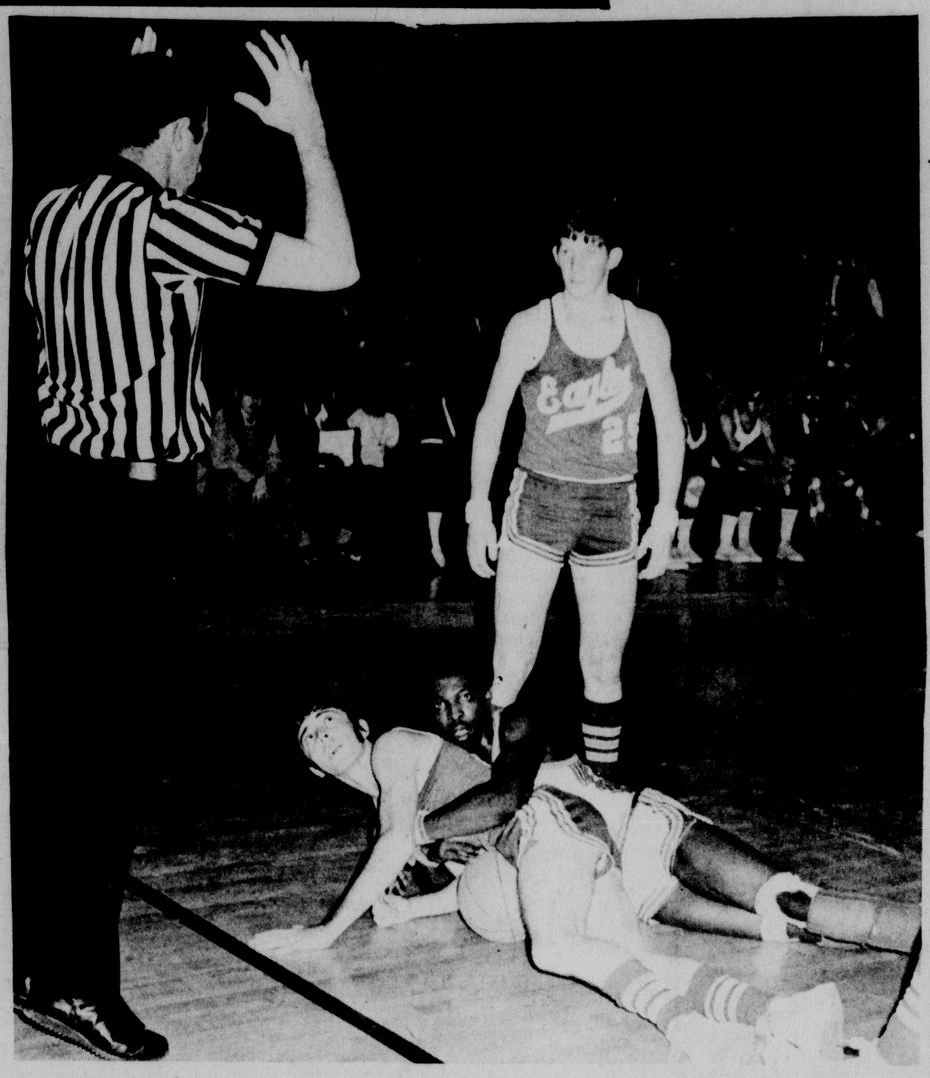


Kennett's Kevin Gamble tries to rip the basketball away from Sikeston's Donnie Taylor during action at the Bloomfield Christmas tournament Saturday night.



Basketball official Buddy Godwin calls a jump ball as Parma's Rolly Perkins (white uniform) battles an unidentified Oran cager for a loose ball during holiday tournament action Saturday night at Bloomfield. Oran's Matt LeGrand (25) checks out the officials call.

Tourney resumes Wednesday

Holiday basketball tournament action picks up Wednesday with the opening of the Cape Girardeau and Flat River events and the continuation of the Bloomfield classic.

Action gets underway in the Cape College High day long event at 9 a.m. Wednesday with the first of eight games.

Tourney play starts at 6 p.m. at Flat River and 4:30 at Bloomfield.

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Pro basketball

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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Boston	26	6	.813	—
New York	20	15	.571	7 1/2
Buffalo	15	20	.429	12 1/2
Philadelphia	11	23	.324	16

Central Division

Capital	18	13	.581	—
Atlanta	16	17	.485	3
Cleveland	14	23	.378	7
Houston	11	25	.306	9 1/2

Western Conference

Midwest Division

Milwaukee	27	7	.794	—
Chicago	26	10	.722	2
Detroit	22	14	.611	6
K. C.-Omaha	12	25	.324	16 1/2

Pacific Division

Los Angeles	20	15	.571	—
Golden St.	16	15	.516	2
Portland	15	20	.429	5
Phoenix	13	22	.371	7
Seattle	14	26	.350	8 1/2

Saturday's Games
New York 99, Detroit 88
Cleveland 108, Atlanta 98
Capital 98, Houston 89
Chicago 110, Golden State 86
Kansas City-Omaha 122, Buffalo 112
Phoenix 121, Milwaukee 112
Portland 110, Philadelphia 105

Sunday's Games
Capital 110, Buffalo 85
Cleveland 99, Houston 91
Boston 96, Seattle 95
Kansas City-Omaha 101, Golden State 93

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Capital at New York
Los Angeles at Phoenix

ABA

East Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	23	13	.639	—
Carolina	23	14	.622	1/2
Kentucky	21	13	.618	1
Virginia	9	22	.290	11 1/2
Memphis	9	27	.250	14

West Division

Utah	20	15	.571	—
Indiana	18	17	.514	2
San Antonio	19	18	.514	2
Denver	16	16	.500	2 1/2
San Diego	17	20	.459	4

Saturday's Games
Denver 113, Carolina 108
Utah 86, Kentucky 82
Virginia 107, Indiana 100
San Diego 129, San Antonio 123, overtime

Pro football

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NFL PLAYOFFS
SEMIFINALS
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Saturday's Game
Minnesota 27, Washington 20

Sunday's Game
Dallas 27, Los Angeles 16

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Saturday's Game
Oakland 33, Pittsburgh 14

Sunday's Game
Miami 34, Cincinnati 16

CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Dec. 30
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Minnesota at Dallas, 1 p.m.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Oakland at Miami, 4 p.m.

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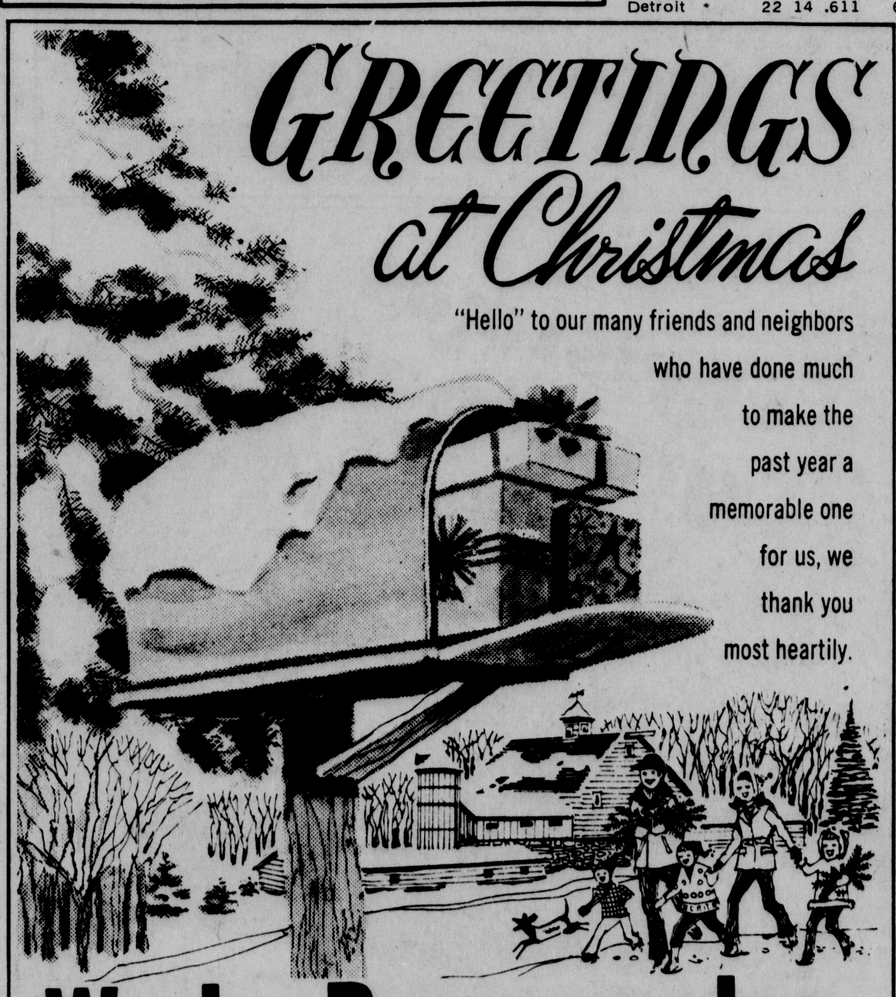

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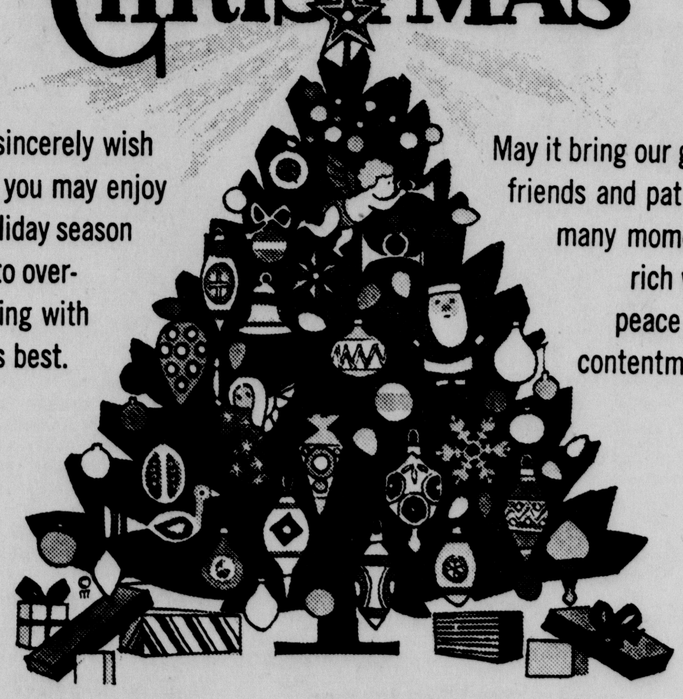

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Mr. Basketball eats his words

Daily Standard sportswriter, Bill Harrison, seems to enjoy eating his words that Lilbourn coach Larry Warren is feeding him after the Panthers defied "Mr. Basketball's" prediction and defeated the Kelly Hawks 77-73 Saturday night in a battle of the top two rated teams in the district.

Lilbourn prevails

BENTON — That familiar chant of "We're Number One" rang out from the Lilbourn high cheering section Saturday night and echoed throughout the Kelly high gym as the Daily Standard's second rated LHS Panthers toppled the high flying Hawks 77-73 for their 14th straight victory of the season without a defeat.

Kelly was the number one team in Southeast Missouri, according to the latest Daily Standard basketball Missouri, according to the latest Daily Standard basketball poll as selected by a 15 - member panel of coaches, while the Panthers were second after a two week hold on the top spot.

Coach Larry Warren's cagers unwrapped the early Christmas gift for their coach, charging from a five point second half deficit into the victory behind a late game shooting and rebounding spree.

The game was a classic battle as both teams enjoyed five point advantages at one time or another during the clash while the lead swapped hands 13 times and the game was tied six.

Lilbourn's pressure defense finally got the Kelly offense late in the game, forcing a trio of costly errors during the closing minutes of the battle. The Panthers defense wore down the KHS ball handlers, forcing the late game miscues.

Fouls played an important role in the game as both teams lost key players via that route. Lilbourn had to give up the services of 6 - foot- Ed Farr early in the game and quickly lost a two point advantage as Kelly built a five point lead before the return of the Panthers big rebounding machine in the second half.

Kelly gave up the services of their big 6-foot- 5 Russ Mothershead through most of the second half as Lilbourn failed to gain any ground, but after the return and the fouling out of the big Haw star, the Panthers took complete charge of the action and wiped out a five point KHS lead.

Lilbourn's late game flurry was sparked by the injured Claude McFerren, who came back late in the game to aid the Panthers in their ball handling and defense, after suffering a severely sprained ankle.

Sophomore Frankie Robinson and senior Carl Leadows teamed for 45 points, scoring 24 and 21 respectively, in leading the Panthers offensive assault. Robinson demonstrated his touch from the 20-25 foot range while Meadows kept the Hawks honest on the inside with his rebounding and scoring.

Jeff "Jethro" Jackson, Kelly's all-state baseball star, was unstoppable by the Lilbourn offense, scoring 28 points and pulling as many rebounds. The big 6-foot- 3 athlete even took his turn at bringing the ball down against the tough LHS defense.

Lilbourn out-shot the Hawks from the field, 31-26 while the Hawks hit on 21 of 24 charity shots to stay in the game.

The victory helped somewhat in avenging last season's loss to the Hawks in the state tournament, but may have given the KHS unit the uppherhand in any future meetings as the Hawks now have something to avenge.

Lilbourn's drive toward the top of The Daily Standard poll might still be null, if the unbeaten Neelyville Tigers come through in the Bloomfield tourney.

The Panthers made a sweep of the night's action as the LHS junior varsity started the evening with a 52-35 win behind the 18 point leadership of Ronnie Baker. Ron Schlosser had 14 for the Hawsk top effort.

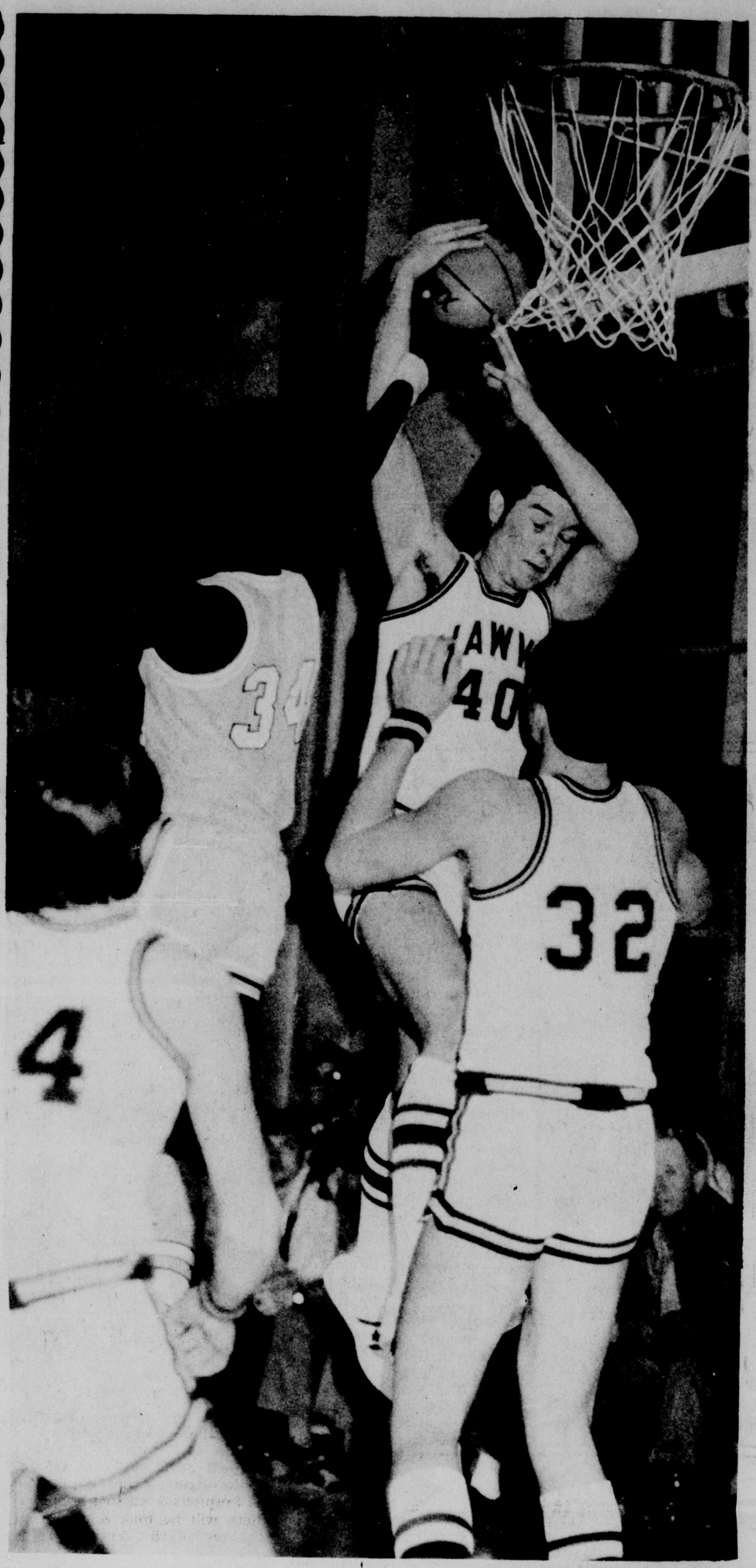
Scorong:

KELLY (73)
Jeff Jackson 28, Kelly Urhahn 14, Kern 7, Mothershead 6, Mike Brasher 11, Felter 7. Totals: FG-26; FT-21; PF-18

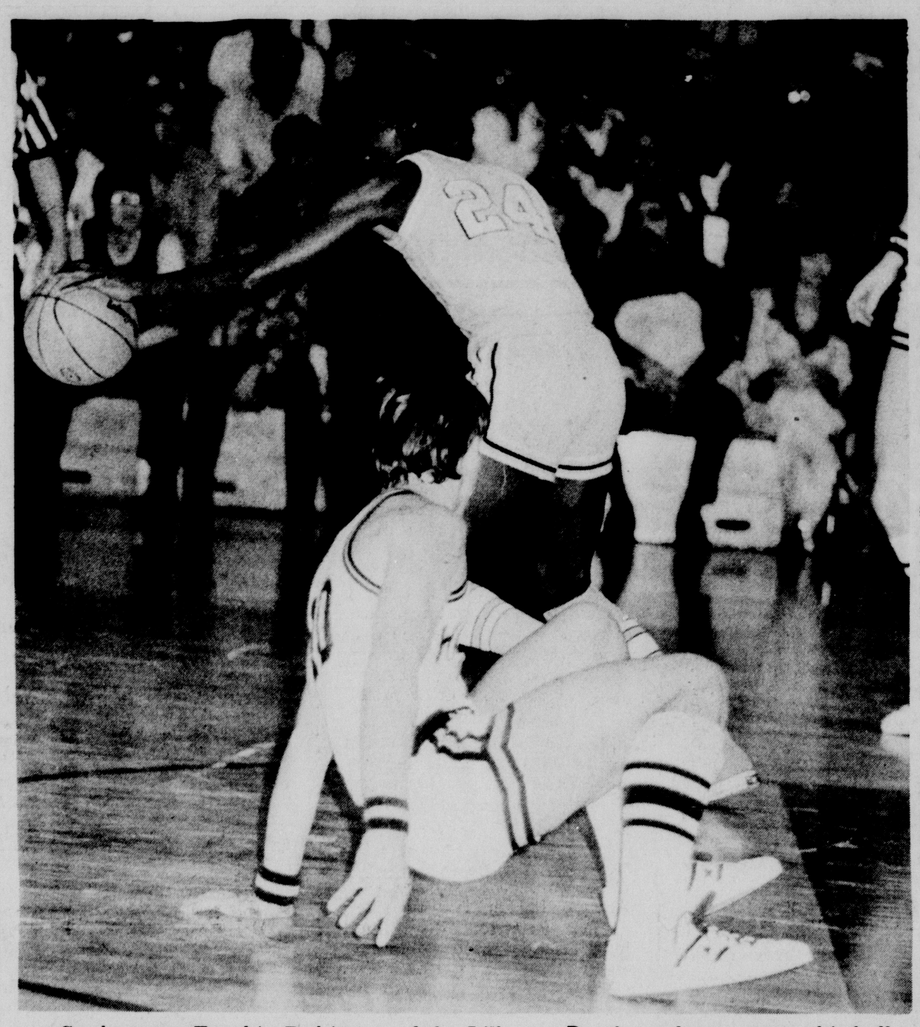
LILBOURN (77)
Farr 8, Meadows 21, C. McFerren 12, Frankie Robinson 24, Ernest McFerren 10, Treadwell 2. Totals: FG-31; FT-15; PF-17

Score by Quarters:

Kelly	20	21	18	14	73
Lilbourn	18	19	21	18	77



Jeff "Jethro" Jackson (40) pulls down one of the many rebounds he collected Saturday night in trying to keep his Kelly Hawks teammates on top of the Daily Standard ratings. Despite the 6-foot-3 athletes 28 point and 22 rebound production, the Lilbourn Panthers remained undefeated with a 77-73 win.



Sophomore Frankie Robinson of the Lilbourn Panthers demonstrates his ball handling maneuvers against Kelly's Kenny Urhahn during regular season action at Kelly high Saturday night that matched the district's top two teams. Robinson led the 77-73 LHS victory with 24 points.

College basketball

Saturday's College Basketball Results
By The Associated Press

EAST
Ashland 66, Wooster 64
Furman 85, Niagara 79
Pitt 86, Army 56
Fairfield 77, Wm. & Mary 57
Syracuse 110, Boston Col. 88
Indiana, Pa., 64, Lock Haven 60
Brown 102, Buffalo 84

SOUTH
Louisville 74, Bradley 65
Virginia Tech 85, Florida 74
Virginia St. 81, Va. Union 70
Louisiana St. 105, Iona 78
Memphis St. 101 Samford 69
S. Methodist 97, Okla. City 80
Mississippi 90, E. Illinois 77

Midwest
Wisconsin 73, Wis.-Milwaukee 46
Marietta 47, Ohio Northern 45, overtime
Indiana 84, S. Carolina 71
Purdue 114, Illinois St. 85
Vanderbilt 83, Kansas 72
Detroit 73, Michigan St. 71, overtime
Minnesota 70, Butler 68, 3 overtimes
Providence 93, DePaul 75
Oklahoma 74, Central St., Okla., 57
S. Florida 103, Mo.-St. Louis 93
N. Ill. 86, Wichita St. 77
Tulsa 95, Arkansas 72

Southwest
N. Texas St. 70, Fullerton St. 63
Centenary 97, Texas 94
TCU 70, Colorado St. 65
Arizona 88, Texas Tech 64

Far West
Southern Colo. St. 79, E. New Mex. 52
UCLA 111, St. Bonaventure 59
Wyoming 86, Iowa 79
Utah St. 87, Brigham Young 86
Boise St. 77, Athletes in Action 63
Oregon St. 88, Portland 67
Idaho 98, W. Washington St. 74
Colo. 73, Creighton 68
Oregon 99, Puget Sound 64
Long Beach St. 74, Indiana St. 45
S. California 80, Ohio U. 68
Nevada-Las Vegas 110, Cal Poly-Pomona 61
Cal Poly-SLO 63, Cal-Santa Barbara 59
Houston 90, Nevada-Reno 75

Tournaments
Marshall Memorial Championship
Marshall 81, George Washington 62
Consolation
Texas A&M 86, Northwestern 84
Roanoke Invitational Championship
Roanoke 86, Norfolk St. 83
Consolation
Bloomsburg St. 72, New Hampshire 52
Michigan Invitational Championship
Michigan 70, Bowling Green 66
Consolation
Fordham 88, Yale 72
Dayton Invitational Championship
Dayton 66, California 62
Consolation
Drake 66, Georgia 60
Conn. Classic
Championship
St. John's, N.Y., 68, Jacksonville 60
Consolation
Alabama 70, Columbia 43
Kentucky Invitational Championship
Kentucky 78, Stanford 77
Consolation
Ohio St. 85, Dartmouth 80
Big Sun Championship
Florida St. 66, Wake Forest 48
Roadrunner Classic Championship
New Mexico St. 85, Oklahoma St. 56
Consolation
Arizona St. 119, Tulane 70
All-American City Championship
Ky. Wesleyan 110, Carson Newman 81
Consolation
Akron 81, Buffalo St. 65
Cable Car Classic Championship
Maryland 53, Santa Clara 32

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I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love
Greg

Dear SAnta Claus,
My name is Jackie Watkins, Jr. I am writing this letter for my little sister Holly Michelle, she is 1 year old. She has been a good girl all year.
She would like a Baby Beans that talk, and a two tune T.V. and anything else you will bring her.
I would like a 10 speed bike, monopoly, sorry games, G.I. Joe, Son of Liberty. Don't forget my cousins and freinds, and my little brother.
I will leave cookies and milk for you on the table.
Thank you
Jackie Jr.
Holly Watkins

Dear Santa,
My name is Michelle, I'm five years old, I've been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Saucy Doll, a baby cradle, and a piano with a little stool Anything else that you would like to leave me would be fine. We will leave you some cookies and milk.
I Love You Santa,
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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Shelly Chamberlain. I'm in fourth grade and I'm ten years old. For Christmas this year I would like a game called Battleship, one called Mousetrap,and one called Life. And also I would like a malibu barbie, a malibu skipper and a malibu ken. .. Oh I forgot a quick curl kelly, too. MERRY CHRISTMAS, SANTA. from your firend.
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Dear Santa,
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Thank you,
Your Friend
Billy Lynn Freeman

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I want a baby alive and snoopy tooth brush and a so machein and a rady oh and a barby doll and high oh cherry oh game and a camar.
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a peddle-car, a kitchen appliance set, a pair of cowboy boots and a gun for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. Don't forget all the people in the hospitals & nursing homes. There will be milk & cookies for you on the dining room table.
Love,
Laurie Kaye Taylor

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Micheal I am a big boy three years old.
Thank you Santa for all the toys you gave me last Christmas.
This year I would like a Dragline, fire truck, radio, talking book, front end loader, pedal tractor and a train with animals and anything you think I will like. Please remember Steven has moved to Springfield and take his toys there. Remember all the other children in the world Santa and make their Christmas happy.
P.S. my Daddy would like a knife for Xmas.
Your Friend
Micheal.

Armed Forces

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Army Private William R. Fowler, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Fowler of Essex, Mo., Route One, completed a seven- week recovery and evacuation specialist course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

He learned to perform recovery and evacuation operations for abandoned, damaged, disabled and mired vehicles. He also was taught to operate light and medium track recovery vehicles, wrecker trucks and tank transporters.

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Fireman Apprentice Jack Earl Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earl of 1140 First St., New Madrid, Mo., returned to his homeport here on board the attack aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy after a seven-month deployment.

During the cruise he participated in training exercises from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Port visits included a stop in Edinburgh, Scotland.

A 1971 graduate of Lawrence (Kan.) High School, he joined the Navy in January 1972.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant William W. Farmer, son of Mrs.Bertha Farmer, 415 Spring, Bloomfield, Mo., has graduated from the Air University's academic instructor course at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

During the five- week intensive training course, students actively participate in teaching situations, lesson planning and give speeches and educational television presentations.

The sergeant is returning to his unit at Whiteman AFB, Mo., where he serves as a missile control communications systems repairman with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Sergeant Farmer is a 1961 graduate of Roosevelt High School in St. Louis.

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Steven G. Combs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Combs of Rt. 1, Portageville, Mo., has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Keesler for specialized training in the armament systems field.

Airman Combs is a 1973 graduate of Portageville High School.

FT. BELVOIR, Va. — Army Capt. Calvin P. Broughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Broughton of 905 Main St., New Madrid, Mo., is attending the nine- month engineer officer advanced course at the U.S. Army Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir.

The course prepares engineer officers for command and staff duties at Battalion through Brigade levels, with emphasis on command at Battalion level. Training includes instruction in wholesale and producer logistics, personnel management, maintenance techniques and command responsibilities and advanced military engineering subjects.

Capt. Broughton is scheduled to complete the course next summer.

His wife Mary lives at 409 Clayton, Sikeston, Mo.

FT. HOOD, Tex. — Army Private David F. Roach, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Roach of Morehouse, Mo., has arrived at Ft. Hood to begin training as a field artillery operations and intelligence assistant with Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division's 3rd Field Artillery.

Pvt. Roach will learn to assist command and staff officers in the continuous appraisal of intelligence and operations. His training includes instruction in the conversion of observer's reports, techniques of plotting targets and computing sites, elements of fire order and fire commands, computation of fire commands and corrections ,and administrative procedures.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, Tex. — Private Willie R. Patterson, 21, son of Mrs. Jettie L. Patterson of 208 Tennessee St., New Madrid, Mo., completed a six-week medical records and reports course at the Academy of Health Sciences of the U.S. Army at Ft. Sam Houston.

Pvt. Patterson was trained in preparing and maintaining Army medical records and reports. Instruction included basic administration, an introduction to medical science, social dynamics and dental terminology.

His father, James Patterson, lives at 218 Hunter St., New Madrid.

Year-end tax strategy moves outlined by CPA

ST. LOUIS — As 1973 runs out, so does the time in which a taxpayer can do something to decrease -- or perhaps increase -- his income taxes for the year.

Who would want to increase his taxes? According to Roy E. Baker, president of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, anyone anticipating more income in 1974 than in '73 might well try to bring some of the income -- and the taxes on it -- into a year in which the tax rate would be lower.

This can sometimes be achieved, Baker said, by aggressive collection of money owed by sending out bills more promptly than usual, or by accepting bonuses or commissions ahead of time.

While shifting income from year to year, one might also try to concentrate deductible expenses in the year in which income will be greater -- through advanced or delayed payments of estimated state or local taxes, for example, or by timing medical payments or charitable contributions -- either early or late.

"Some taxpayers bunch as many of their deductible expenses as they can in alternate years," according to Baker, "then take the standard deduction of up to $2,000 in the years in between."

Another year- end step to minimize taxes is to offset capital gains realized during the year with capital losses -- by selling securities or other investments that may hae declined in value. If there is a reluctance to sell a stock because of the likelihood that it will rise in value, one can sell it, wait more than 30 days, then buy the stock back again. Or, one can switch immediately to another stock in the same industrv.

For this reason, he said, a wise investor is very leery of gimmicky year- end devices for reducing income taxes. Persons of moderate income rarely stand to gain by investing in the so- called "tax shelters" that sometimes permit persons in very high brackets to defer or reduce taxes.

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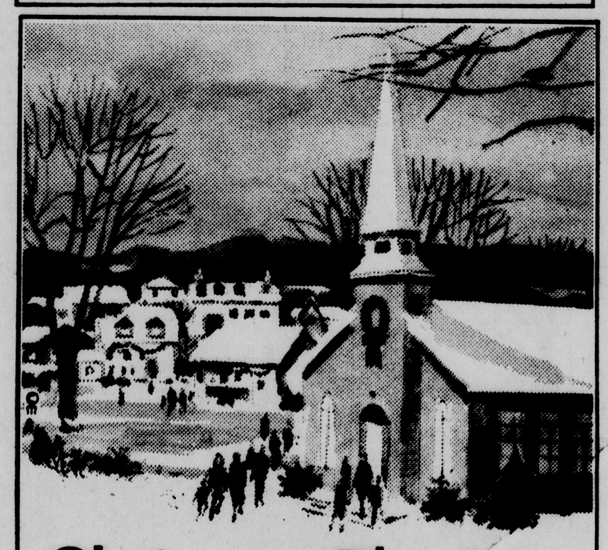
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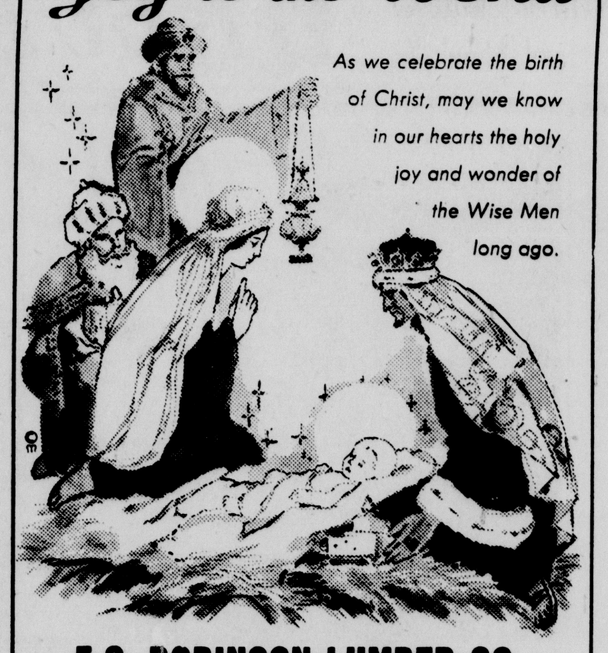
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Christmas Magic

A short story for children by Linda Smitten

It was Christmas Eve. Carrie sa gloomily upstairs in her room leaning her elbow on the wondow ledge. Christmas Eve and she had to have a cold. And what was worse, Mummy and Daddy weren't even at home, but at some gay holiday party, while she and her little brother Peter had to stay home with Nanny and decorate the Christmas tree. She sighed. Oh how she longed for the grown up world where one never had to go to bed early and never got colds and had to stay indoors. Beneath her she heard the ringing of the Christmas Eve bells, and down below her window a bright red sleigh went by with bells ringing merrily, the people inside laughing and curling together under thick blankets. She sighed again. The Christmas tree they had this year wasn't even a very nice one. Father had been so busy at the office that instead of taking her and Peter on their annual excursion to pick out the tree themselves, he had just sent someone from his office to run out and get it for him. So it had short stubby branches and quite a bare spot in the back. Oh well, she and Peter would just have to go through all the old cupboards upstairs to see if they could find some ornaments to decorate it.

"Carrie", Peter stood at the door, his face still bright with anticipation. "Nanny says it's time to decorate the tree and we are to go and get the ornaments."

"Oh all right," she said and rose from the window seat, picking up the cat Blinker out of his sleepy daze on her way out.

As they went up the stairs, Carrie heard the sound of Christmas carols coming from Nanny's radio down in the kitchen. Somehow it made her feel better, so she squeezed Blinker, who gave a loud miaow in protest. After all, it was Christmas Eve — the time of year she looked forward to most. As they passed the stair landing leading up to the third and top floor, she glanced out of the window and saw a beautiful clear sky filled with stars, and one star in particular was shining so brightly and twinkly that it looked like a birthday cake candle. Peter, who was right beside her, looked out of the window too.

"Do you think it will snow tonight?" he asked anxiously.

"I don't know," she said musingly, her attention caught by the bright stars and the sight of the Christmas world down below. But then looking down at Peter's face which had fallen a little, she smiled at him.

"Yes, Peter, it will probably snow. Now come on, let's go and get the ornaments." And with a squeal from Blinker who had by this time been let down, they were all three running up the stairs.

The room with the cupboards was right at the end of a long hall through a huge white door. Carrie and Peter, though they would never have admitted it, were rather afraid up there at the top of the house. It always seemed so gloomy and deserted and mysterious, especially if they had been reading scary stories.

But tonight it was soemhow different. When they reached the top of the stairs, panting from funning and laughing at Blinker trying to keep up, they both stopped still. The whole upper hall was flooded with clear white moonlight, illuminating every object with a snowy brightness. It was no longer a scary deserted nursery hall but a magic enchanted place where anything could happen.

"Gosh," said Peter very quietly, "I've never seen it look like this."

But Carrie, who in her heart thought exactly the same thing, just said, "Don't be silly, Peter, it's only the same old hall."

After all, you see, she was older than Peter and couldn't show him that she too was a little timid.

"Come on now."

And so in a row the three of them, Carrie leading the way, walked towards the white door. Now the light switch was supposed to be right by the door within easy reach, but when they got there and Carrie tried to turn it on, nothing happened.

"I wonder why it doesn't work," she said to Peter, who was standing looking up at her with big eyes. "I don't know," he squeaked, clutching Blinker to his chest, "but I do know that Nanny left some old candles in the nursery kitchen in case of emergencies. Should I go and get them?"

"OK," Carrie said. "I'll come too to help you."

Peter went straight to the drawer with the candles, and finding a match in the bottom of the drawer, lit one. For a boy of only six, he could be quite practical sometimes and Carrie was very glad to have him there. With the large white candle lit everyone felt better, including Blinker, and so the three of them hurried to the door. It opened with a loud groan. "OOHHHH!" they gasped, for the storage room which held all their old toys and playthings looked a magical place. The trunks and cupboards glowed in the light from the tiny round window. First they gathered up the boxes of ornaments they always used from the old green cabinet. This took a long time, because Carrie would stop and squeal over every ornament that was an old friend. There was the china Santa Claus with the top of his hat broken off, the angel with golden hair, and the crystal reindeer with shiny red eyes, drawing a little sleigh filled with tiny packages. Each of them had been carefully wrapped and put away from last Christmas, so it took a very long time to unpack them from their boxes.

"Oh dear," Carrie said when they had finished. "We've been up here a long time and there don't seem to be as many ornaments as I thought.

"Yes there are," said Peter indignantly, "quite enough, I think."

"But what about the bare place at the back?"

So, picking up Blinker, they walked over to another chest Carrie noticed in a far corner of the room. It was covered in dust and Peter kept sneezing while Carrie, in great excitement, opened the top drawer. A faint musty smell of old handkerchiefs came out of it, but all it contained were bits of cloth and dresses from long ago, very faded and worn.

"I wonder if those were Mummy's when she was young?" asked Peter, peering on tiptoe into the drawer.

"No, silly," she said, "they are much too old for that. Come on let's try another one."

The second drawer was much the same, except this time filled with old fashioned men's clothing and a couple of squashed flat hats. Still no Christmas ornaments and there was only one drawer left. Carrie let Peter open up that last drawer while she kneeled beside him looking in, hoping to find — she didn't even really know what. As he opened it, she saw only stacks and stacks of old paper and photograph albums with brown leather jackets and dusty gold letters on the front.

"Oh," she said disappointedly "there isn't anything in here after all. I suppose we'll just have to make do with what we've got."

'no, wait a minute!" Peter leaned forward excitedly. "There's something else in there — another box, two boxes, way at the back hidden under some old letters' I felt them with my hand!" He pushed away the old albums and sure enough, there were two large once- white boxes in the back.

"Why," Carrie said, "the drawer didn't look that big." But Peter didn't hear, for he was already busily untying the string that held the first box together.

"Gosh!" he said, lifting up the first ornament. "These must be a hundred years old!" He held up a heavy glass Christmas tree bauble which had once been blue but was now a curious mottled polka dot, the worn silver part reflecting their faces in the moonlight. Carrie started to say that it didn't really look nice enough to put on a new Christmas tree, but thought better of it. It did have a certain charm to it, and there were so many like it in different colours, what did it matter if they were a little worn?

They busied themselves over the first box for so long that they had completely forgotten about the second when Carrie turned and saw Blinker nosing around it suspiciously, the hair on his back slowly rising.

"Why, we've forgotten the other box," she said. "And what is the matter with Blinker?" She pulled him onto he lap and tried to open the second box. But it was closed up very tight and she and Petter both had to pull and pull to get the string off. As they pulled the string, it seemed to Carrie that the room grew slightly brighter, and one particular moonbeam slanted in the window so that it pointed directly at them. Suddenly, in the back of her throat, she felt a little rising ball of excitement as Peter, giving one last great tug,

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History of Ships reception

Linda Smitten of Sikeston, second from left, author of "Christmas Magic" published in today's Daily Standard, took part in a recent reception for a new magazine, "History of Ships" on board the H. M. F. Belfast while employed as a magazine writer in London, England. From left are Pat Hornsey, director of the magazine department; Miss Smitten, magazine editorial writer; unidentified man; Bob Tanner, director of the New English Library Publishing Co. in London, England; Tony Jollye, distribution director of the publishing company; Lynne Whaites, editorial assistant and Rosemary Lister, assistant director of the magazine department.

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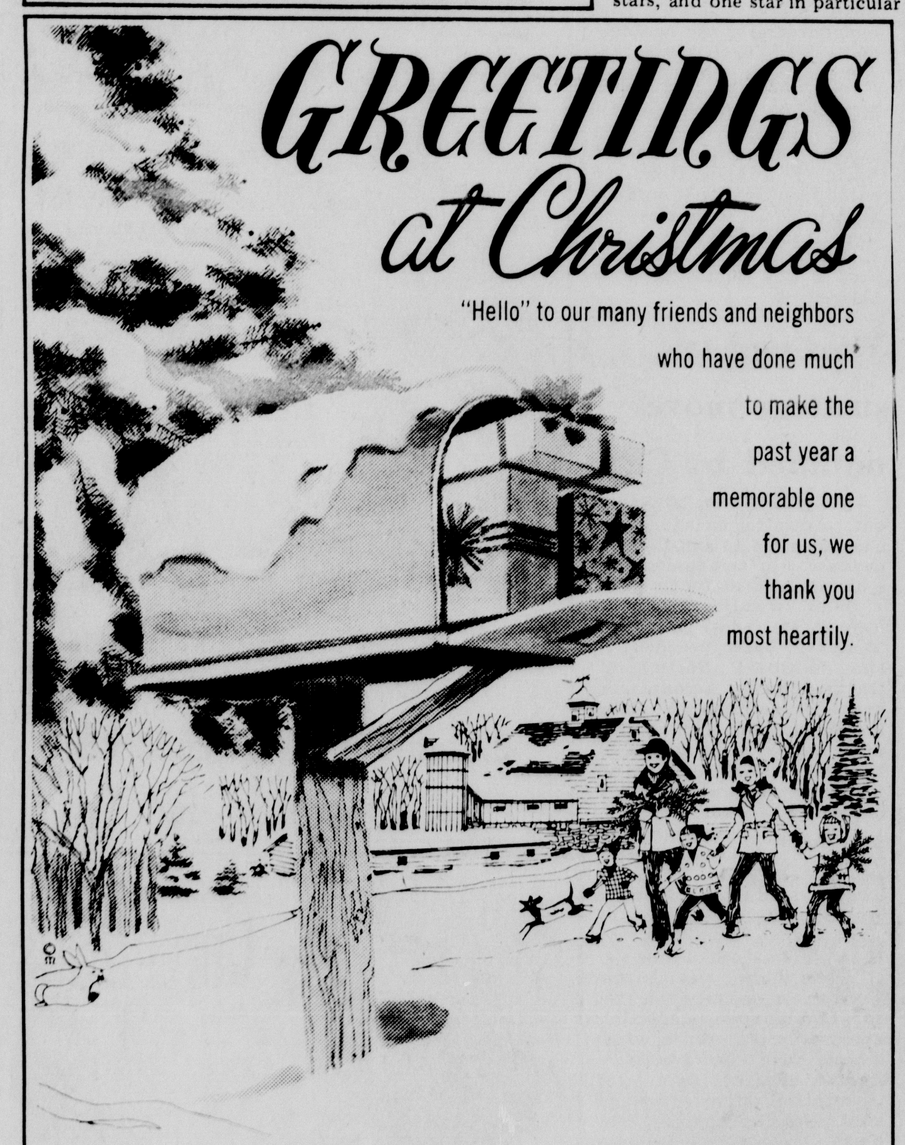

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broke the string and fell over on his back. Slowly she took the cover off the box. In it lay only one large round object wrapped up in brown paper and tied carefully with string. A piece of paper was beside the ornament, the edges browned, it was so old. Peter picked it up whileCarrie curiously lifted the paper wrapped ball into her lap.

"Why, look," he said. And on the other side of the paper was a picture of a beautiful lady dressed in a golden robe with a crystal wand in her hand which was turned at the point into a six- starred snowflake. On her head was a crown of crystal and stars, and in the background were all the blue heavens filled with tiny sparkling lights. Her eyes were a deep clear blue. They seemed to be smiling right at Carrie and Petter through the picture. Almost as if she were real. Right at the back of the picture was a Christmas tree -- Not an ordinary Christmas tree but one filled to the top with beautiful shining ornaments of silver and gold. At the top of the tree was a silver glow, but in the moonlight Carrie could not see the outline of the ornament that should have been there. All she saw were the clear blue eyes of the lady as she pointed her wand somewhere between the Christmas tree and the stars.

"The package, Carrie, the package," said Peter in a very hushed voice.

Slowly they unwrapped it, very slowly, for there were layers and layers of brown paper to undo. Then finally there was the last layer of paper, and Peter had in his hand the round firm shape of the ornament itself.

"But it's only another old tarnished Christmas ball!" exclaimed Carrie in disappointment.

"No, no, it's not. Here, look!" And with his handkerchief Peter began to rub off the dust. Sure enough, as Carrie looked, the dusty silver ornament became a clear beautiful glass ball, and inside she could see the shimmer of white. Surely it must be the moonlight playing tricks on them? But as Peter rubbed further, she saw inside the ball a tiny white horse flying as if suspended in the air.

"Isn't he lovely! Look," she said exictedly, "He even has wings — see them there?"

"That's funny," said Peter in a puzzled voice, "I didn't notice them before." But sure enough, protruding from the delicate white body were two beautiful silver wings.

The moonlight in the room seemed even broghter now, lighting up the tiny horse inside the ball until he glowed. When Carrie looked around she saw Blinker nosing the box and, afraid that he would hurt the picture of the beautiful lady, she put out her hand to pick it up. But it was gone!

"Peter" she said sharply, "Did you take the picture?

"No," he replied indignantly. "Maybe Blinker has it. Blinker, now you ...."

Just then they heard Nanny's anxious voice calling from downstairs and in all the excitement to show her what they had found, the picture's disappearance was forgotten. They hurried down to decorate the Christmas tree. Carrie carrying the boxes and Peter very carefully holding the glass ball.

It seemed to the children that the rest of the evening passed very quickly. First, they decorated the tree in the drawing room and when they had finished it didn't look at all scraggly. There were rows and rows of tinsel candy canes, Cotton wool for snow and, of course, all the ornaments. Right on top was the white horse in the glass ball. Nanny thought he was beautiful too, though she said she couldn't imagine where he'd come from. She didn't even remember him from when their father was a little boy.

Then Peter, assisted by Nanny, put the glass ball on the top. It seemed to make the whole tree glimmer and glow, with all the Christmas baubles reflecting the cozy firelight and the faces of the children.

"Quite extraordinary," Nanny kept saying to herself as she lay out their special Christmas Eve supper on a table by the fire. By the time the children had finished their supper and had been given a gingerbread man and a cup of cocoa, they were so sleepy that they almost forgot to hang up their stockings. This drowsiness — on Christmas Eve of all nights — was new to Nanny but she merely put the cups away and led the sleepy children up to bed, Blinker clasped tight in Peter's arms.

The last thing Carrie remembered seeing as they went up the stairs was the Christmas tree shining in all its splendour and on the top the glowing white ball.

"Peter, wake up!" Carrie sat straight up in bed with a start. "What is that noise?"

"What noise are you talking about?" yawned Peter sleepily.

"Listen!" Carrie said. "It sounds like a horse whinnying."

"Don't be ridiculous, Carrie, said Peter, already halfway back to sleep. But a few seconds later he said quite loudly:

"Did you say you heard a horse?"

"SSSh!" said Carrie excitedly. "Yes, look at Blinker, he hears it too." Sure enough, Blinker was standing by the door, pawing to get out.

"Come on Peter, let's go and see what it is." Very excitedly, the children put on their slippers and crawled out of their warm beds. "Look, Carrie, it's snowing!" There, falling right past their window, were huge white flakes drifting down fast and thick.

"Maybe that's why it's so bright downstairs," she said queerly, because as they stood on the stairs they could see from the drawing room below a curious glow as if a rosy light were on or as if many candles were alight at once.

"Are you frightened Peter?" Carrie asked.

"No," he said bravely, but clutched her hand. Blinker padded down silently before them so the first thing they heard before they entered the room was a very loud surprised miaow. Then they were at the door.

Inside, the room was very quiet. The fire was out, the stockings hung in their proper places. All the room seemed to pulsate with the light as if it were somehow alive. Then Peter looking at the top of the tree, gave a little gasp and said in a very strangely whispered voice, "Look, Carrie, look! At the top of the tree!"

She looked up and saw that the glass ball had increased to twice its size, and as they watched, it kept getting bigger and bigger while inside the little white winged horse grew and grew till he was almost as big as Blinker, and then he was bigger than Blinker! The children watched, fascinated. Suddenly the glass ball seemed to rise from the very top of the tree, and become a shimmering bubble floating slowly down from the tree, every minute getting bigger and brighter until the children and Blinker, too stunned to move, saw it come right down over their heads.

Next time they looked they were inside the bubble with the beautiful white winged horse who was whinnying softly. He looked around at them for one moment with kind, beautiful, silver eyes and then slowly, slowly, he began to move his wings, until their slow motion was whirring the air all around them.

"Quickly, Peter. Jump on his back. I know he wants us to." They jumped up on his bare back just in time because the great wings of the magic horse had already started their rise from the ground.

"But where's Blinker? Did we leave him?" asked Carrie excitedly. "No," Peter answered. "I've got him here. And sure enough, Carrie felt his soft fur against her back.

Swiftly they rose from the room away from the lights of the Christmas tree, until suddenly the walls seemed to dissolve around them and they were free, free in the open air, rising up, up and up above their house and through the snowflakes. Further and further they rose through the night until they could see only the lights of the village beneath them, spread out like the lights of their Christmas tree.

Then they were moving away from the village very fast, gently rocking with the motion of the great white horse's wings.

"I wonder what his name is," said Carrie aloud, not a bit frightened. In the same breath she and Peter both said "Pegasus" as though it had just popped into their heads. That was the last thing either of them said for a long time for they were flying through the night very fast,though not too fast to prevent them seeing the cities and towns down below and the wonderful stars that seemed right next door. As they flew over London Peter said, "Look! There's Big Ben and the Post Office Tower, and St. Paul's Cathedral." So excited was he that he nearly dropped poor Blinker. Soon they were out over the ocean hearing the wonderful sound of thousands and thousands of brightly coloured birds flying through the sky, all wishing each other a Merry Christmas and looking very alarmed when they saw such a huge white 'bird' in their midst!

It seemed they were over the ocean for a long time, but nobody minded because it was so beautiful. Far to the East of them the Great Star shone brightly to guide them on their way. Once Carrie heard Peter say, "Carrie, look behind you!" and turning around she saw a trail of glittering stardust behind them. Just then they sighted land and Pegasus began to descend. The meadows grew bigger and bigger under them, and the lights grew brighter and clearer, while the trees came swimmingly up and up to meet them until PLOP, they had landed in a great grassy field.

Carrie got down and was helping Peter and Blinker to the ground when she heard a loud hmph and then an even louder hmph. Looking over towards the middle of the field, which was all lit up by moonlight, she saw a very strange crooked figure with a huge hump on its back coming towards them. Then, as the figure got nearer, they saw that the hump was a huge sack and that under the sack were two piercing blue eyes. Why, it was an old woman!

"Hmph," she said again, but this time her bright blue eyes were sparkling. "Just the people I've been looking for all night!" And with a huge grunt she swung the sack down and sat on it.

"Well," she said after a moment, "Don't be all night about it. Are you coming with me or not?"

Pegasus gave a gentle neigh at this and walked to where the old woman sat. Promptly she got up and started to heave the great sack onto his back.

"Well come on children, help me."

"Yes, Miss," said Carrie and Peter together.

"Don't call me miss," she said — and then merrily — "My name is Amaz. I suppose you've heard the story about me?"

"No, Miss," the children began again.

"come along, come along," she said in an amused voice, and they all started walking across the field.

"Where are we going?" asked Carrie.

"Why, to distribute the presents. Where did you think? The North Pole?" But seeing Carries's surprised expression she continued, "Pegasus comes to help me every year. I couldn't do it all my self, the bags are too heavy and there's so much to do — a lot of world to cover on just one Christmas Eve night." After a moment she could see that the children didn't yet understand, so she continued in a kinder tone:

"Once upon a time a long time ago," she explained. "I was an old sweeper woman in a far away land. I would go from house to house sweeping people's hearths for them. Some even thought I brought good luck." She seemed to straighten up a bit as she said this and then continued, sighing now, "One long ago night, I was walking home across this very field when I saw a great shining star rise in the East — a star which I had never seen before. So I sat down in the field to watch it rise ,and suddnely I saw three firgures on horseback come riding out of the woods. Three kings they were, all dressed in jewels and satins You never saw such a group in your life. But I, being just an old woman, was greatly afraid. When they stopped, the one in front with the kindest face leaned down to me and said, 'Good woman, do you know which way it is to Bethlehem? We are following the Star in the East to find the young King.' I tried to speak but I douldn't say a word and so they rode away and I never saw them again," she ended sadly. "So every year, on this same night, I stand here in this field and try to follow the star to find them and tell them which way to go to Bethlehem. With me I bring this great bag full of presents to leave in all the Chrismas stockings."

"Why, I thought Father Christmas did that," Peter remarked suddenly.

"So he does, so he does," she said, "in most parts of the world. But my territory," she added, her eyes twinkling, "is a little 'different' from his."

They passed through many villages, the children helping Amaz distribute the presents as they went along. Pegasus never complaining about the great sack on his back.

Oh, the things they saw that night! Jewelled cities passing beneath them, mountains and lakes and valleys and deserts — all so beautiful, so hushed — all waiting for Christmas morning when the snow would stop and the friendly sun would come to wake the children and hurry them down to their Christmas cheer.

It seemed they went on flying forever until finally, when the bag seemed to be much lighter, they landed on the edges of a Great and Gloomy forest.

"Where are we now?" Peter asked bravely. But Amaz only smiled and beckoned them to follow her along a narrow winding path through the wood. What a wood that was. It seemed as if all the trees had faces hidden in their leaves, and it was so dark that they might have been a little frightened if Amaz and Pegasus had not been there to guide them. Finally the trees thinned out and it grew easier to walk. Pegasus, his great wings shining in the starlight, walked the fastest, as if he knew the way perfectly. Then, as they were walking through a clump of oak trees, a very strange thing happened. They thought they saw tiny glowing lights coming from within the trees, and they began to hear the sounds of laughter and singing carried on the air.

"What is that sound?" Carrie asked Amaz.

"Please tell us where we are." But Amaz only smiled.

Just then Peter knew he distinctly heard a very small voice say, "Now, where have I put the tea strainer?" in a very merry holiday sort of voice.

Amaz turned to the children, her eyes sparkling happily: "Why, don't you know where we are? Don't you know? Just wait a few minutes," she added mysteriously. Then the trees spread out even further while the lights from within the tree trunks grew fainter and fainter. Suddenly, turning a sharp corner in the road, they saw in front of them a large clearing, and in the middle of the clearing was a miniature Georgian house, just big enough for the best sort of parties. In every window were lights, and the sound of happy voices and carolling filled the air. Across the clearing they saw a figure emerge from the direction of the sound of water, which they knew must be the river. It was a proper gentleman in a hat and muffler, loaded to the top wich packages and having a very hard time walking on the knobby ground. but that was not the biggest surprise at all, for when he got to the door of the house and knocked, who do you think should answer the door, but a great toad in a red velvet waistcoat with a sprig of holly in his buttonhole! It was then that the children understood that they were in an enchanted place where anything could happen, and Carrie, looking at Pegasus, saw his eyes shining with gladness to be in a place so full of his relatives.

"You see children," said Amaz, "we are at Toad Hall which you must have heard about."

"TOAD HALL!" they gasped. "THE Toad Hall?"

"The very one," said Amaz with a touch of pride.Just at that moment, the package-laden figure who had been knocking at the door turned and shouted gleefully across the wide lawn, "Amaz, Pegasus, is that you? I knew there was someone out there. You and your friends come in, come in!"

Carrie gasped. "Why, it's Mr. Rat," she said.

"Exactly," said Amaz, and together the two children and Pegasus walked slowly towards Toad Hall.

And what a place it was! There were lights shining in every window and twice as many inside. The great hall was filled with little animals come to celebrate the Christmas season. There were otters, and rabbits, moles and, badgers, field mice and, of course, all Toad's relatives.

Otter was the first one they saw, sitting toasting marshmallows by the fire in the great entrance hall.He gave a hearty 'Hello" as they walked in and with a friendly smile asked them to sit down and have some mulled cider, which was an animal speciality

"Now don't be impatient, Otter," said Ratty.

"First they'll want to have a look around the place." Comfortingly he patted Peter's head with his great furry paw. Just then Mr. Toad came bustling along in a very grand way, acting as if he hadn't even seen them outside when, of course, he knew all the time. But, after all, that was just Toad's way.

"Amaz!" he cried. "My dear girl! How glad I am to see you and Pegasus! I only wish you could come more often."

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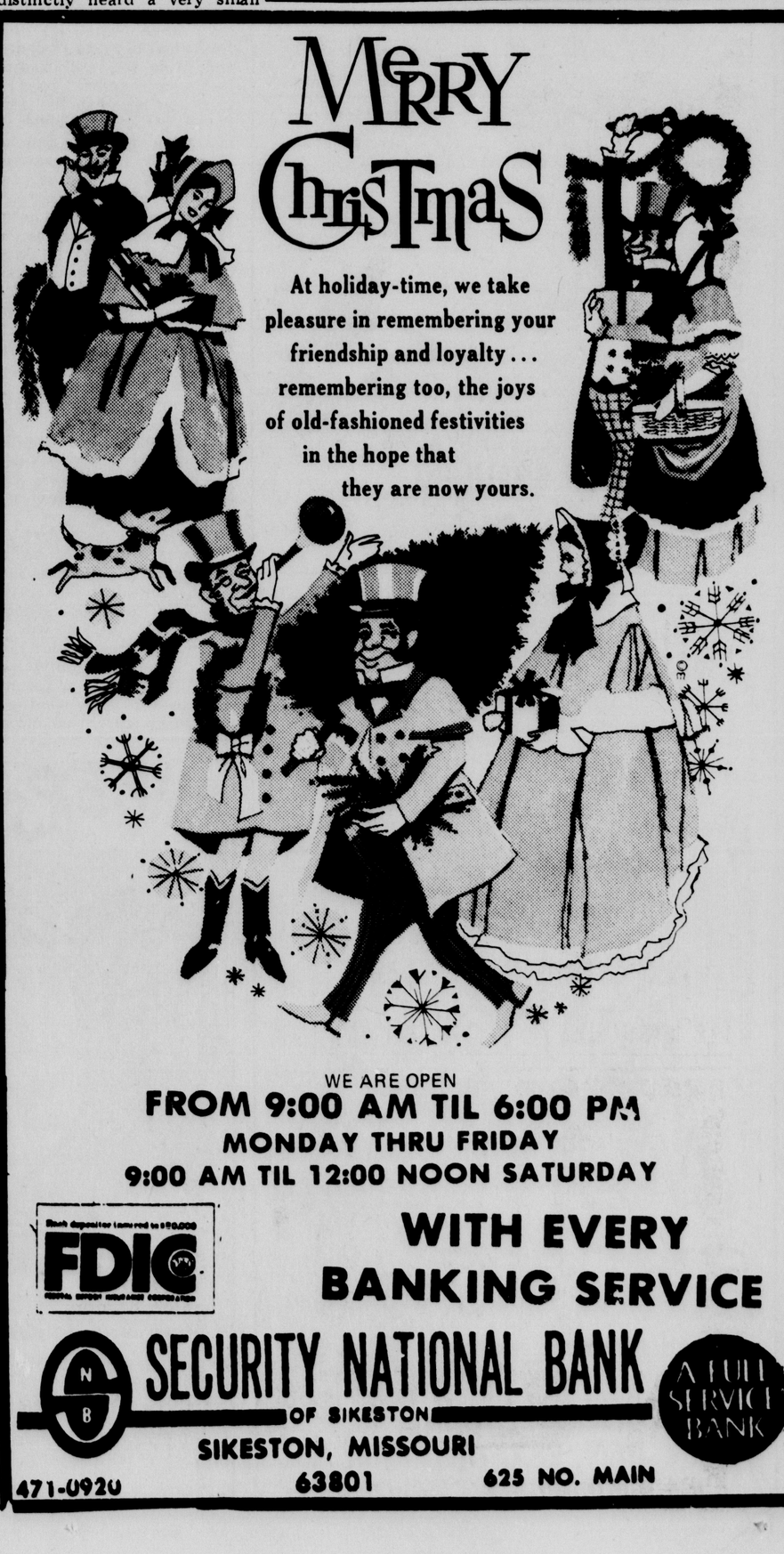

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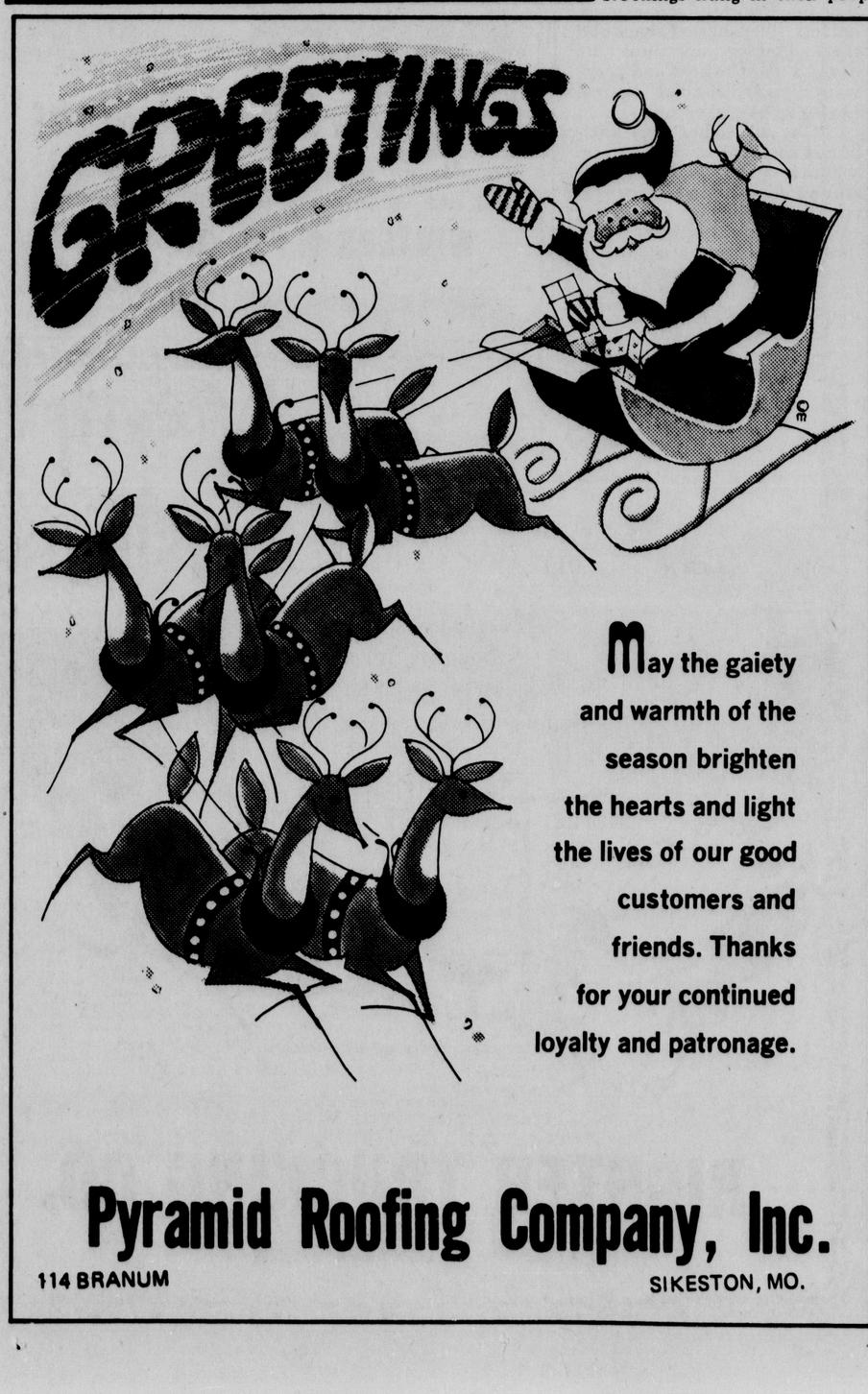

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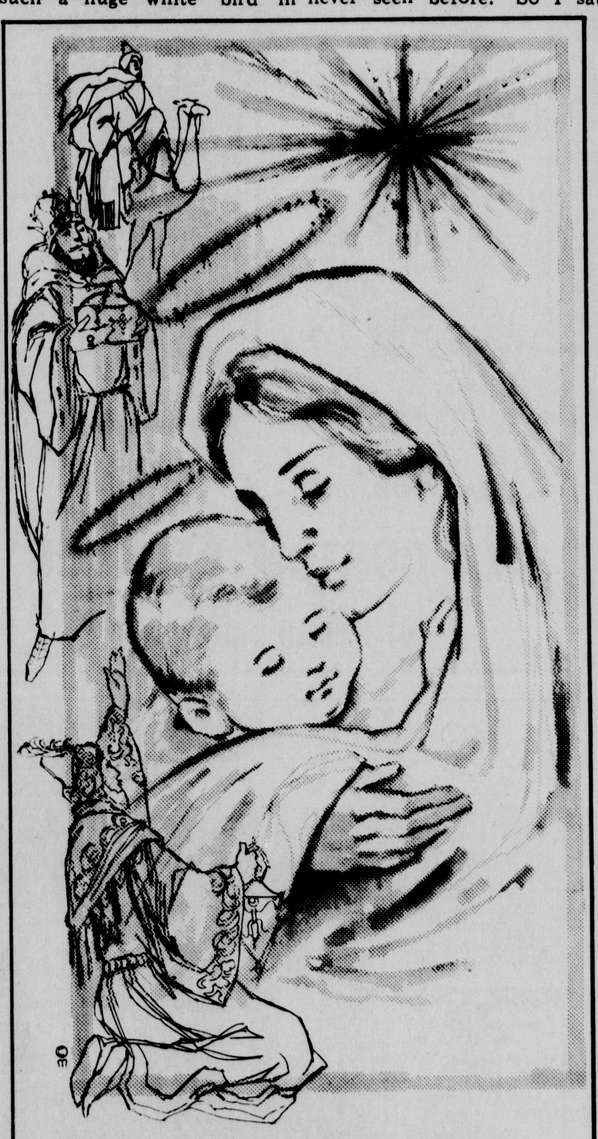

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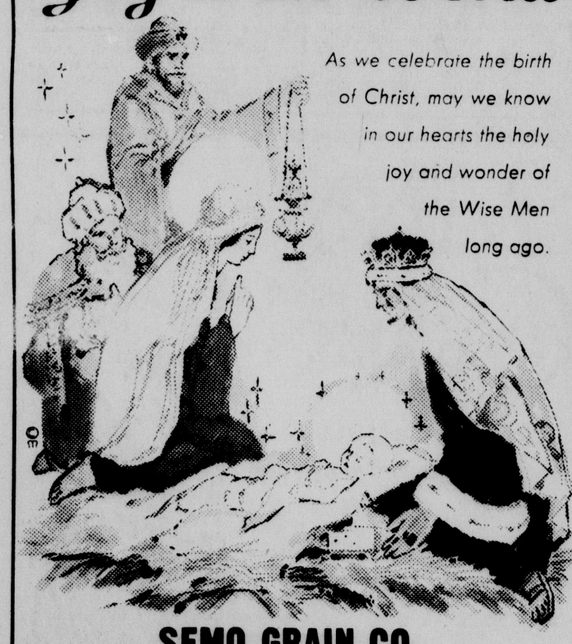

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Turning to the others he continued, "Welcome to Toad Hall. Toad at your service." He bowed so low before the children that he almost fell right over on the gleaming tile floor. "But well now, humph," said Toad a little embarrassed, "bring them along Ratty, bring them along." So Ratty, with a twinkle in his eye, led them to a great tall mahogany door. "Is it ready yet, my boys?" asked the genial rat.

"No, not quite yet, Mr. Ratty sir," came a chorus of squeaks from inside. "It should only be a minute now."

So Ratty led them through another grand room filled with the rabbits of the wild woods who were engaged in playing silly rabbit games around Toad's grand piano and under his carpets. Young Portly who was still tying up his Christmas presents began to squeak excitedly about the surprise in the other room when he saw them in the hall. "Here, my good little fellow," said Ratty. "Ssshh."

Then they were at the dining room, from which various delicious smells had been emanating since well before their arrival.

"Ah, here we are," said Ratty, swinging the door open, and they walked into the most comfortable room of all. There was a huge oaken table in the center, and grand portraits of Toad's estimable ancestors lined every wall. The enormous table was spread with every goody imaginable, and two great fire places at either and had large comfortable chairs on each side and oil paintings of Toad as a young boy hanging over the mantlepieces. Everything was decorated with holly and mistletoe. Best of all, who should be sitting in front of the fire toasting his slippers and talking whth Badger But Mole!

"Oh my, Mole!" said Peter in a whisper (Mole had always been his favourite). Pegasus pushed him gently forward, still clutching a bemused Blinker in his arms.

"Why, hello there young man," said Mole, interrupting one of Badger's long digressions on Toad. "I seem to remember you from some place."

"You do?" gasped Peter.

"Why, of course," he said, eyes twinkling.

"We river bankers know who all our friends are. Isn't that right, Badger?" Badger nodded in solemn agreement.

Suddenly Toad burst into the room (Toad was always bursting into rooms) hopping excitedly from one leg to another. "It's READY," he shouted, "it's ready."

"Oh, Toady," said Badger, "do be a little more dignified." But he too was smiling as they all filed down to the closed doors of the great drawing room.

Amaz and Pegasus especially were smiling as if they knew what lay inside. Amaz had her arm in Badger's, and Mole was walking beside the over- excited Toad who kept going POOP- POOP, POOP- POOP (a leftover from his motor car days, I'm told). Then they heard from inside the sound of giggling, and a small voice saying, "All together now!" and a chorus of the best old Christmas carols broke forth just as the door, as if by magic, opened to show the most beautiful Christmas tree anyone had ever seen, shining with tiny coloured candles and angels and animals and toys. Underneath, at the bottom of the tree, lay great heaps of gaily coloured presents, and row upon row of brightly initialled stockings hung by the fireplace filled to the top with oranges, bright red apples and deep brown nuts.

With a great cry, the company descended on their Christmas gifts, while outside Toad Hall snow fell softly in the Great Forest. Everyone was so excited that it was very noisy for a while, but not so noisy that Peter didn't hear a jolly HO, HO, HO and, running over to the great window, he saw a large silver sled and eight tiny reindeer rising to the sky! "Was that...?" he turned to Amaz wonderingly.

"Yes dear," she said, "for this place is the end of all journeys for Christmas wayfarers." Then Peter forgot all about what she had said because he was so excited watching everyone unwrap their presents. Funniest of all was Toad, who in his hurry to tear open packages marked 'TOAD' would get himself all tangled up in holiday ribbons. Despite this, he still burst intermittently into loud Toad Christmas songs.

In all the excitement, Peter and Carrie had forgotten about looking for their presents, so Pegasus nudged Carrie towards the tree. "Oh," she said. for Sure enough, under the tree were three tiny packages: one for her; one for Peter, and even one for Blinker.

They opened them up slowly. Inside each was a silver box, and inside that was a tiny woven ring which just fitted their middle fingres. Mole saw them opening their presenta and came over. "Do you like them?" he asked anxiously. "They are made from our own great willow tree that stands by the river and which we picnic under all summer long. We thought it would give you both something to remember us by?."

"They are lovely," said the children together, quite overwhelmed, and opening up Blinker's package for him they found a tiny woven collar. "Thank you," they said again.

Just then dinner was announced and they all went merrily in to feast. What a feast there was that late night at Toad Hall! Eggnog and cider, ham and lobsters, sardines and cheeses, plum pudding with bowls and bowls of hard sauce (Toad' s favourite), fruitcake with rum, turkeys with mounds and mounds of chestnut dressing, eight different kinds of jam and honey and scones and teacakes and biscuits and oh the food went on forever! The children, Blinker, Amaz and Pegasus were seated right at the top of the long table across from Mole and Ratty and Badger. Toad got so excited that he kept hopping up on the table to give speeches, but Badger always pulled him down, till at the end of the meal he nodded to him and Toad rose expansively.

"FRIENDS, " he began, "WE ARE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT . . ."

But just then the Christmas dawn came popping her head through the night and poor Toad never got to finish his speech (never mind, he would give one next year) because Amaz said, "Children, we must be off. It's daylight soon."

So they shook hands all around, and hugged Ratty and Mole and Badger and Toad, who escorted them to the door.

"Come back soon," they cried. "We will always be here just the same."

And the last thing Carrie and Peter saw as they rose slowly up into the sky again was all their little friends standing in front of Toad Hall waving goodbye. But not goodbye, Carrie thought to herself, for there are never goodbyes between real friends. But she still felt a tinge of sadness you always feel when leaving a place that you love.

Quickly they rose through the night on gentle Pegasus, up through the colours of the Christmas dawn, rosy and pink and glistening with dew. The whole world beneath them was caught between day and night and still the star shone steadily in the sky.

"Amaz," said Carrie suddenly. "Where do you and Pegasus live when it's not Christmas?" In all the excitement she had completely forgotten to ask that very important question.

"You will see," said Amaz wisely," and now it is time for you children to be home in bed or your mother and father will miss you."

"But," Peter and Carrie said together, "we don't want to go."

"There will be other times," comforted Amaz, "but at the end of all roads lies home." Her voice sounded brighter, younger, and turning round they saw she was no longer an old woman at all to the children but the beautiful lady with the crystal wand from the picture. Now Carrie knew where she had seen those blue eyes before. . .

"Oh, Amaz!" Just then Pegasus turned his head and gave them each a gentle nuzzle as if to say goodbye. Amaz lifted her crystal wand high above their heads in the early morning sky, then tapped them each on the head three times and suddenly they were falling through the sky in great gentle circles like snowflakes, down, down, down. The last thing they remembered hearing was Amaz's gentle voice and their beautiful Pegasus whinny as she cried softly after them, "We will not forget you, children. And never forget that there is magic all around if only you have the eyes to see." Then, with a plop, they landed fast asleep in their own snug beds.

When Carrie awoke the next morning she was sure that it had all been a lovely dream. She got up quietly and crept downstairs to see if Pegasus was still on the top of the tree. But he was not, and a great sadness filled her as she stood there looking up until she heard a faint miaow and there was Blinker, rubbing against her leg to be picked up.

"Oh, all right," she said, but as she bent to pick him up she saw a tiny woven collar around his neck and two small rings fastened to the side of the collar by a slender silver thread. "So it was not a dream," she murmured to herself, and bounded up the stairs to wake Peter.

Late that night, after all the Christmas presents had been opened and Christmas dinner had been eaten, Carrie, Peter and Blinker, rings hidden safely under their pillows, went wearily up to bed.

Suddenly Carrie saw Peter sit up again in bed.

"Why, there's something else under my pillow," he said in an astonished voice. And from under his pillow he brought out a piece of paper with the edges browned. It was the picture of Amaz.

"What a lovely surprise," said Carrie.

"Look where her wand is pointing," Peter said. "Out of the window, our window."

And getting up, the children went over to the Window to look out at the clear Christmas night. Way up in the sky, clear enough for anybody who believed in magic to see, were the faint outlines of Amaz and Pegasus in tiny sliver glowing stars, embedded for always in the shining Christmas night. And somewhere out there, in the great wide world beyond the Great Forest, the children knew that the River Bank dwellers could see them too.

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NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED
(Sec. 473.033, RSMo. as amended 1969.)
STATE OF MISSOURI)
ss)
COUNTY OF SCOTT)
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI at Benton, Missouri
In the estate of)
Alwin G. Gasser)
deceased.)
Estate No. 4247
To all persons interested in the estate of Alwin G. Gasser, decedent:

On the 14th day of December, 1973, the last Will of Alwin G. Gasser was admitted to probate and Lela Mae McCoy was appointed the executrix of the estate of Alwin G. Gasser decedent, by the probate court of Scott County, Missouri, on the 14th day of December, 1973. The business address of the executrix is Route No. 1, Sikeston, Missouri, whose telephone number is 471-2167 and her attorney is Thomas L. Arnold whose business address is Benton, Missouri, and whose telephone number is 545-3522.

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of this notice or be forever barred.

All persons interested are notified that such court, at the times and as provided by law, will determine the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and real property of the extent and character of their interests therein.

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STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF SCOTTT)
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI AT BENTON, MISSOURI
In the estate of)
Perle J. Moore)
deceased.)
Estate No. 4239
To all persons interested in the estate of Perle J. Moore, decedent:

On the 7th day of December, 1973, the last Will of Perle J. Moore was admitted to probate and Gwendolynn French was appointed the executrix of the estate of Perle J. Moore decedent, by the probate court of Scott, County, Missouri, on the 7th day of December, 1973. The business address of the executrix is 304 Lake Street, Sikeston, Missouri, whose telephone number is 471-1239 and her attorney is Kenneth L. Dement whose business address is 310 West North Street, Sikeston, Missouri, and whose telephone number is 471-1833.

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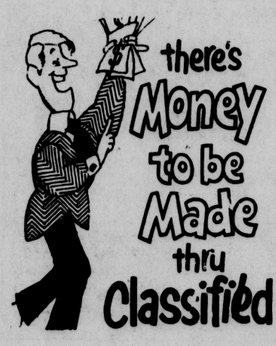

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350 Acres — Corn & Bean, Land near Pinkneyville, Ill.

140 Acres — On Blacktop Road, Mixed land Scott Co. $500 per Acre.

326 Acres — On Highway 77 - East of Benton - Will subdivide $500 per acre.

W. J. McMikle
224 Kramer Dr.
Sikeston, Mo. 472-0564

For Sale — 2 lots close to Miner, good location for home or mobile home. 471-1414

14. Situations Wanted

Will baby sit in my home - Phone 471-3871

Painting any type large or small. Call 471-7793

18. Help Wanted

Wanted— Head start center co-ordinator for New Madrid Center. 201 Pinnell— Duties include supervisor of staff and class room teacher— Hourly wages for 7 1/2 hr. day depending on experience qualifications. Required qualifications are 60 college hours plus head start experience or equivalent child experience— application available at New Madrid Head Start center— phone 379-3843 or 748- 2849.

EMPTY HOURS, EMPTY PURSE? AVON can help fill both! Start an AVON business of your own by calling: 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

Wanted — Debit Agent to service Charleston. Send resume to 163 Presnell Dr. Sikeston, Mo. Call 472-0889 after 5 p.m. Immediate Opening.

Wanted — Responsible woman for full time housekeeping and assist with patient care. May live in, good salary. Need Jan. 2. Call 264-4788 after 5 p.m., Illmo, Mo.

TO BUY OR SELL AVON. Call: 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

Wanted Experienced Cutter. Apply in person Alfred Werber Inc. 711 Riley, New Madrid, Mo. or Call 748-5561

IMAGINE A NEW YEAR WITH NO BILLS! Sell now for Christmas — beautifully designed and packaged AVON products. Call now: 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

Wanted
Steam Crane Operator. Steady work. State age, qualifications, mail to Box 433, Cairo, Ill. 62914

Wanted — Experienced parts man for big truck franchise in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Call 314-686-2466

Would you work 9 hours a week for $30 to $60? Stanley dealers average this and frequently much more. Car needed but no experience necessary — For interview phone 472-0572

DREAMING OF A "GREEN" CHRISTMAS? As an AVON Representative, you can earn extra cash to pay those holiday bills. It's easy and fun! Call: 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

Wanted — Extra help for Christmas season. Call 472-0572 or come by 223 S. Main. Stanley Home Products.

WANTED
HIGHSCHOOL GRADS
Thinking ahead to what you'll do after graduation? How about having a job waiting for you? We start you at $326.10 a month. The Army's Delayed Entry Program gives you the opportunity to pick a job specialty now in a location you prefer, stay at home for up to 180 days to finish high school and then begin a career that could take you around the world. For more information, call 471-8870.

Experienced waitress wanted. Come in to fill out application. Grecian Steak House

DON'T BE "STUCK INSIDE" THIS WINTER. Get out, meet people, make friends. Be an AVON Representative. Have your own business during hours you select. Earn extra money. Call 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

19 — CHILD CARE

Wanted — To do babysitting in my home. Phone 471-6770

21. Business Opportun.

READ ALL THESE OTHER ADS FIRST!
Then, if you want a truly honest opportunity for some REAL MONEY in automatic merchandising for a small investment $1,239.00) write to us. ZENITH ENTERPRISES, INC. (Marketers of CHEF BOY-AR-DEE and HEINZ foods) 6601 Hillcroft, Suite 114, Houston, Texas 77036. (Give phone number)

24. Special Services

Roofing
Roof repair, painting, concrete patios, Cash & terms, Hawkins Bros. 471-2666

MECHANICS AND BODY SHOP MEN
Glenn Marshall Motors Inc.
Hiway 61-NewMadrid
Phone 748-2512

Roofing & repair. Minor Home repairs. 471-2666.

Front End Alignment - Spin Balance
B & K AUTO REPAIR
General Repair & Service
Ph. 471- 3990
719 S. Frisco St,
24 Hr. Emergency Ser.
Sikeston, Mo. 63801
Owned & Operated by
Ken Caudle

Remodeling or repair jobs of all kinds - Contract bid - Free estimates. Terry Construction Co. Phone 471-1477

TIBB'S AUTO BODY REPAIR
667-5159
2 Miles South Morehouse

Byrd Auto Salvage
2 Miles E of Benton
471-6194 545-3877

Painting — Interior — Exterior. Reasonable. 667-5055.

Electric Work. Residential or Commercial. Small home repairs. 472-0041

Kirby Company
of Poplar Bluff
Serving Sikeston
Service & Sales
Phone 471-1594

Big Red Auto Parts. ¼ mile south on AA in Miner. 471-8040

D & D Tree Trimming 472-0550. Discount Fireplace Wood.

PHOTOGRAPHY- Best in Weddings and Commercial photography. Call Tim Ludwig 471-7669 after 4:00 p.m.

Carpentry, Ceilings & Paneling Basements Carports Remodeled — Free Estimates. 471-9982 - 262-3833

Complete Moving Service
ARMOUR
Moving and Storage
Local and long distance moving. For free estimates call 471-4039 day or night. Agent for Von Der Ahe Van Lines.

SEWING MACHINES & VACUUMS
Repairs on all makes machines
HOWLE
Sewing Machine Co.
431 W. Malone
Sikeston, Mo. 471-4218

CALL 471-3030

for Sears Low Price on INSTALLED SEAMLESS ALUMINUM GUTTERING
Sears Catalog Sales Office
Mid Towner Village
Sikeston, Mo.
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

A BARGAIN AT AL—MAR
127 W. MALONE
9 piece bedroom group, (Heavy wood) includes - mattress & box spring (Free) slightly used.

1. Dresser
2. Mirror
3. Chair
4. Low Boy Chest
5. Headboard
6. Night Stand
7. Hollywood Frame

ALL FOR ONLY $199.00
Slightly Used
Serta Mattress & Box slightly used) Free with above purchase.

DECEMBER SPECIAL ON MOBILE HOME ANCHOR SERVICE
Effective Jan. 1st. 1974 there will be law requiring all mobile homes to have anchors. See us now for our specials.
CHARLIE L. GLENN
748-2241

TIRKEERAN GAME BIRDS
QUAIL — CHUKAR — PHEASANT
CHARLESTON, MO. 63834
BILL McNEARY
OWNER
South Main -- Route 3
(314) 683-6500
REV. P. LINDSAY FARIS
GENERAL OVERSEER
204 Pecan Street
(314) 683-6377

WELL DRILLING
Also pump service and repairs. Ask us about our rust proof, plastic wells.
BRASWELL ELECT. & WATER SERVICE
471-4739

25. Poultry & Livestock

Palomino mare & parade saddle. 471-6738 or 667-5531

26. Pets

Poodles groomed — $8.00 each. Verla Shaw. 667-5872

AKC Registered Collie Puppies - Phone 264-4674 Kelso, Mo.

For Sale — Female Old English Sheepdog 5 months old. Female Irish setter 5 months old. Tiny Toy poodles. 624-5221

For Sale — Registered Male Collie Beautiful black & white. 1½ yrs. 688-2726 Lilbourn

For Sale — Registered poodle puppies, reasonable. After 5:30. 471-8039

Registered toy Pekingese, Peke-a-poo and poodle puppies, Ralph Henson, Illmo, Mo. 264-4678.

28. New & Used Cars

1966 Cadillac 4 dr. Sedan Deville, regular gas, good condition. Phone 471-5636 or 471-3929

1969 Camaro SS $500. 472-0579 after 8 p.m.

For Sale — 64 GMC Pickup with camper - good condition - Call 471-9628 after 6 p.m.

1950 Ford 2 door Sedan $250. Call 683-6942

For Sale — 1964 Dodge Dart 2 dr. 6 cyl. - Std. Trans. Runs good - new paint $250.00 Ph. 471-1987 after 6 p.m.

1972 Dodge Dart 6 cylinder - power and air - gas saver - priced to sell. See at 1623 E. Malone.

For Sale
(1) 1971 GMC tandam 9500 Diesel tractor, low mileage, very clean & air conditioner.
(1) 1935 foot grain trailer
(1) 40 ft. refrigerated trailer, diesel unit.
471-8244

For Sale — Company Car. 1972 Buick La Sabre. 80,000 Hwy. Miles. Regularly Serviced. All power, cruise control. 471-5382 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

30. Farm Supplies

700 bales Fescue hay. 100 bales of wheat straw. $1.00 per bale. 1 pro-lic four wheel tank. 624-5603

34. Mobile Homes

1963 Embasy 12x54 Tilt out living room.

12x55 Windsor 1966 Model. Tilt out in living room.

1968 Ramada. 12x48.

1970 12x60 Town & Country 2 B.R. 2 full baths.

12 Wide Repo. $87.91 per month. Pick up payments.

12X51 Winston. Take up payments.

Take over payments on 1972 12x60 2 bedroom, washer, dryer, central air, color T.V. $85.00 per month.
Galemore Mobile Homes
157 & Hwy 62
Charleston, Mo.

1972 Artcraft Mobile Home, 60x12 Front living room, 2 bedroom, good condition. See McDougal Mobile Homes.

PUBLIC AUCTION FARM SALE

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE DAVID MATLOCK ESTATE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27, 1973, 10:00 AM

LOCATION

2 Miles West of Lilbourn, Mo. on Highway D or 3 miles east of Catron, Mo.

Sale will Start Promptly at 10 A.M.
Rain or Shine.

NOTHING WILL BE SOLD EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING LISTED PROPERTY OF THE DAVID MATLOCK ESTATE

TRACTORS

1—1972 IHC 1066 Diesel Tractor, only 900 hours, has TA, LPTO, PS, 3 Pt. hitch
1—1969 IHC 856 Diesel tractor, TA, LPTO, PS, new Rice and Cane tires, 3 pt. hitch
1—1970 IHC 826 Diesel tractor, TA, LPTO, 3 pt. hitch
1—IHC 706 gas tractor, TA, 2 pt. hitch
1—IHC 560 gas tractor, 2 pt. hitch, new Rice and Cane tires
1—IHC M tractor
1—Set of W & A dual wheels & hubs - tires 16x9x38
1—Set of W & A dual wheels & hubs- tires 12x5x38

CULTIVATORS & KEM PLOW

1—IHC late model 6 row cult., heavy beam, stiff shanks, like new. 3 pt. hitch
1—IHC late model, 6 row cult., spring feet, 3 pt. hitch
1—IHC 6 row cult., 2 pt. hitch. good
1—IHC 6 row cult., 3 pt. hitch. good
1—KEM 6 row plow w/new spray fenders, 3 pt. hitch

COMBINES & PICKERS

1—1968 IHC 503 combine, 16 ft. automatic header, cab, extra clean
1—1968 IHC 416 2 row cotton picker w/Rice and Cane tires, cab, automatic header. Extra clean
1—IHC 114 one row picker on 300 tractor. Double fan and cab. Wide front end. Extra clean

PLOWS & CHISEL PLOWS

1—IHC 4 bottom semi-mount plow
1—Oliver 3 bottom plow
1—IHC 11 ft. Chisel plow, 3 pt. hitch, gauge wheels, new tires
1—IHC 7 ft. chisel plow, 3 pt. hitch, gauge wheels, new tires.

HIPPERS & DO-ALLS

1—AMCO 6 row hipper w/new blades, 3 pt. hitch
1—Set of AMCO hyd. markers
1—W & A 6 row foldup do-all w/cylinders
1—W & A 4 row do-all

OTHER TOOLS

1—IHC 2 row stalk shredder, 3 pt. hitch
1—Mohawk 10 ft. grader blade, 3 pt. hitch
2—200 gal. water tanks w/front end rack
2—6 row spray booms
1—AMCO power takeoff side winder ditcher, new
2—Water pumps
1—18x4x34 good tractor
1—IHC one row middle buster ditcher, 2 pt. hitch

SHOP TOOLS

1—200 Amp. electric welder
1—Zigler gas blower heater
Grease guns, cylinders, grinders, and many other shop tools, comfort covers

TRUCKS & TRAILERS

1—1968 Ford pickup, automatic, air conditioned, custom cab, radio & heater, clean
1—1959 Dodge service truck pickup, good
1—1959 Chevrolet pickup truck, good
1—1955 Ford 1½ ton truck, grain bed, good
1—1952 Dodge truck w/grain bed, good
1—1946 Ford 1½ ton truck, runs good, has 1,000 gal. water pump & motor
6—Electric wheel cotton trailers w/4 to 6 bale beds

DISCS

1—IHC 480 19 ft. Disc, cylinder and new blades, like new
2—IHC 37A 13 ft. disc, new blades — like new
1—Oliver 13 ft. disc

PLANTERS

1—IHC 486 6 row planter w/hill drops clod knockers, pre merge
1—IHC 458 6 row planter, clod knockers

TERMS CASH DAY OF SALE — LUNCH ON GROUNDS

DAVID MATLOCK ESTATE
JEAN MATLOCK OWNER
BECK & McCORD AUCTION CO.
Sikeston, Mo. Phone 314-471-4672
P. O. Box 826

1967 2 br. mobile home, 12x55, good cond. 683-2073

For Sale — Mobile home, take over payments. 2 bedroom, glass sliding doors. 12x54. 471-1017 or 471-2575

[illegible] payments on 1972 0x12 1973 Rep[illegible] Northern built mobile home 2 bedrooms, washer & dryer, ice maker. Call McDougal Mobile Homes. 471-5636

2 bedroom, [illegible]sher & dryer. Assume paym[illegible]ts of $78.38 per month. Brewer Mobile Homes. 471-7390.

ALUMINUM REDUCTION DIVISION
OPENINGS

Assistant Production Manager

Primary aluminum producer is seeking an individual with chemical, metallurgical mechanical or Electrical degree. Potroom supervisory, experience desireable.

Potroom staff engineer

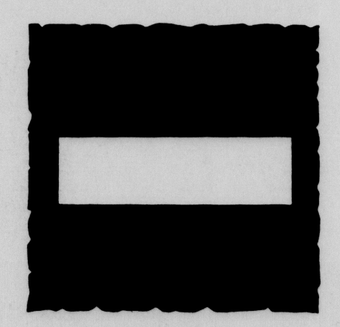
Must have degree, preferably in chemical or metallurgical field and 2 to 3 years pot room experience. Supervisory experience and business management. Training desireable.

Senior Project Engineer

Must have B. S. Degree in electrical engineering with 5 or more years experience in heavy industry or equivalent.

Send resume including work experience, education and salary history to:

Personnel Office
Reduction Division
REVERE COPPER & BRASS, INC.
P. O. Box 1050
Scottsboro, Alabama 35768
Equal Opportunity Employer



SUBTRACT FROM YOUR BILLS

with a Personal Bill Payer Loan. We'll pay off all your bills and then, one small monthly payment to us at low interest will repay it and you'll have money left over.

DELTA LOAN & FINANCE
W. MALONE ——SIKESTON——471-2077

OUR BOARDING HOUSE — with Major Hoople

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane

"It's very late -- I better get in my manger!"

Today in U.S. History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1973. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tennessee.

In 1942, the French administrator in North Africa, Admiral Jean Darlan, was assassinated in Algiers during World War II.

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SIDE GLANCES — by Gill Fox

"If the founding fathers had wanted White House conversations taped, they'd have put it in the Constitution!"

OUT OUR WAY — by Neg Cochran

STEVE CANYON by Milton Caniff

CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks & Lawrence

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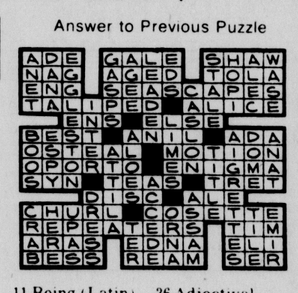
PEANUTS by Shulz

Colors

Answer to Previous Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Pale red
5 Light brown
8 Sky color
12 Horse color
13 Spanish cheer
14 Malay gibbons
15 Boy's name
16 Allow
17 Feminine suffix (pl.)
18 Dainty colors
20 Old-womanish
21 Female saint (ab.)
22 Standard (ab.)
23 Absent (ab.)
26 Things added
31 Sumatran squirrel shrew
33 Silliest
34 One who causes fear
37 Gray (Ger.)
38 Filled with coloring
41 Auditor (ab.)
42 School subject
43 Building site
45 Cream (Fr.)
48 Dark red cherry
52 Roof overhang
53 Soft drink
54 Midday
55 Pelt
56 Imitate
57 Not false
58 Sedimentary deposit
59 Spread hay
60 Places

DOWN

1 Support
2 Particle
3 Burmese wood sprites
4 Arctic sandpipers
5 Rang bell slowly
6 Pub drinks
7 Mesh
8 Obscuring
9 Wool (comb. form)
10 Russian river
11 Being (Latin)
19 Greek letter
20 Sweetsop
22 Wrong doing
23 Nipa palm
24 Indonesian island
25 Broken tooth
27 Soil
28 Feminine name
29 Son of Issac (Bib.)
30 Shirt-front ornament
32 Military equipment
35 Simple
36 Adjectival suffix
39 Married secretly
40 Beetle
44 Temporary shelters
45 Irish tax
46 Near East intoxicating liquor
47 Wicked
48 Be dull and spiritless
49 Learning
50 Stupid fellow
51 Single units
53 Caress lightly

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MARY WORTH by Allen & Saunders

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

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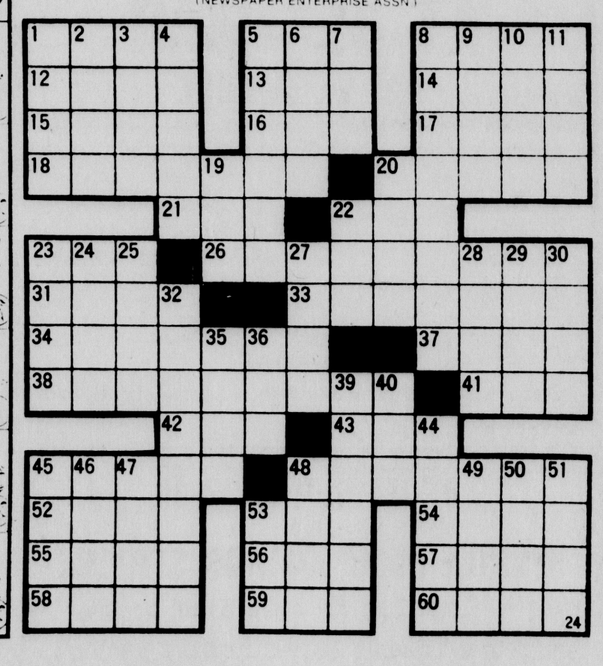
1 You'll	31 Comes	61 You
2 The	32 Good	62 You
3 Be	33 Love	63 Has
4 A	34 Or	64 Your
5 Familiar	35 And	65 Arrived
6 Pleasant	36 Is	66 Contracts
7 Time	37 An	67 A
8 Influence	38 Coming	68 With
9 Friend	39 Your	69 Travel
10 Friendly	40 Be	70 Question
11 Money	41 Someone	71 Plans
12 Keep	42 Into	72 Dental
13 Important	43 Romance	73 Liking
14 Development	44 Get	74 Picture
15 Smiling	45 Hesitates	75 Today
16 For	46 Loved	76 And
17 And	47 Pepared	77 And
18 Something	48 To	78 Or
19 Sociable	49 Old	79 Distant
20 A	50 Approaches	80 Your
21 People	51 To	81 Projects
22 The	52 Interest	82 Written
23 Save	53 For	83 Legal
24 Face	54 Go	84 Your
25 Decision	55 Ask	85 Are
26 Yes	56 Receipts	86 Plans
27 New	57 Ahead	87 Handsome
28 Rewards	58 Doctor	88 Way
29 Will	59 In	89 Dates
30 Take	60 One	90 Statements

ARIES MAR. 21 – APR. 19: 11-14-29-40 48-64-73
TAURUS APR. 20 – MAY 20: 54-57-68-69 71-77-79-81
GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 20: 13-21-30-37 52-59-80-86
CANCER JUNE 21 – JULY 22: 1-8-9-34 46-60-75
LEO JULY 23 – AUG. 22: 26-27-33-35 43-50-62
VIRGO AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22: 23-39-49-56 66-76-82-90
LIBRA SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22: 41-45-51-55 61-67-70
SCORPIO OCT. 23 – NOV. 21: 12-15-18-32 36-38-84-88
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 – DEC. 21: 44-47-53-58 72-78-83-89
CAPRICORN DEC. 22 – JAN. 19: 2-7-16-20 25-63-65
AQUARIUS JAN. 20 – FEB. 18: 4-5-10-24 31-42-74
PISCES FEB. 19 – MAR. 20: 3-6-17-19 22-28-85-87

TU 16 — Good — Adverse — 12/25 Neutral



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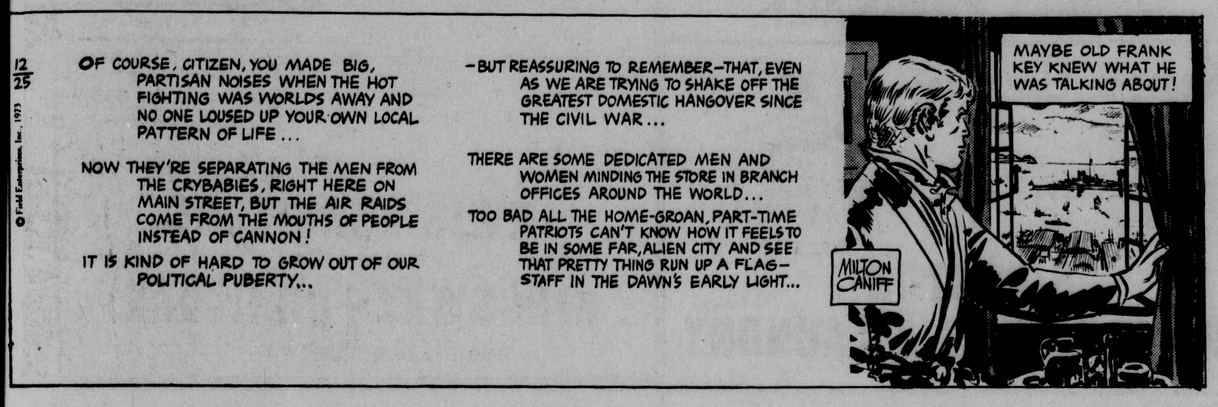

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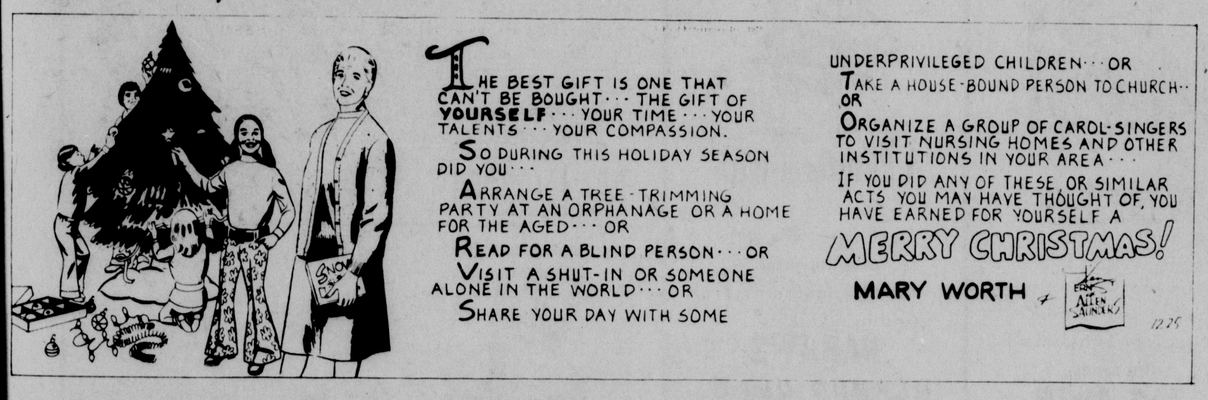

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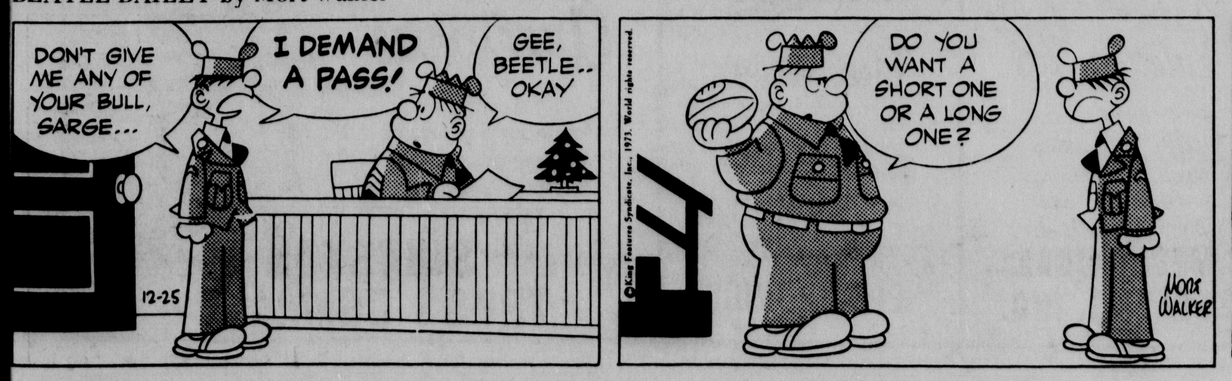

Today in U.S. History

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Today is Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 1973. There are six days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1776, George Washington's troops began to cross the Delaware River to attack Hessian forces encamped at Tenton, N.J., during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1642, English mathematician who discovered the law of gravity, Sir Isaac Newton, was born.

In 786, a farmer revolt in Massachusetts known as "Shays' Rebellion" began.

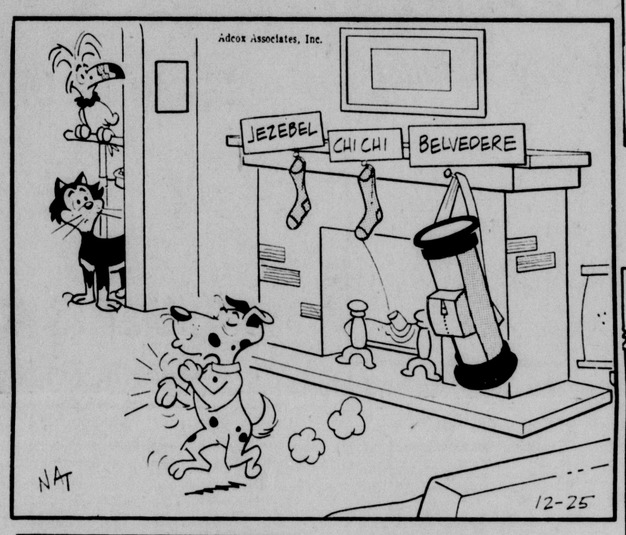
In 1818, the Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was sung for the first time at the Austrian village of Oberncorff, where it had been composed by the schoolmaster.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!"

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople

OUT OUR WAY by Neg Cochran



SIDE GLANCES by Gill Fox

"Like it? It's a sauce that Peggy uses to cover up what doesn't turn out right!"

CARNIVAL by Dick Turner

"How long till NEXT Christmas, Mom?!"

Hodgepodge

ACROSS

1 Crucifix
6 Gunlock catch (pl.)
11 Time of year
12 Feminine appellation
14 Cloak
15 Wanness
16 Devotee
17 Satan
19 Nigerian Negro
20 Letters
22 Alleged force
23 Followers
24 Moving circularly
27 Fat
28 Certain canal locks (coll.)
29 Individual
30 Explosive
31 Through
32 Delicacies
35 Welts
39 The same (Latin)
40 Thus
41 Female relative
42 Heavy weight
43 Lebanese tree
46 Route (ab.)
47 Expunged
49 Meditate
51 Determine
52 Cleans by rubbing
53 Restrain
54 Sigmoid curves

DOWN

1 Stopped
2 Raved
3 Hops' kiln (var.)
4 Disposed of by sale
5 Koko's weapon
6 Palatable
7 Epochal
8 Entire amount
9 Narrate
10 Sleeper's sounds
11 Strike
13 Eaten away
18 Danish weight
21 Formal method
23 Parish in Louisiana
25 Charged atoms
26 Negative word
27 Heavy blow
29 Choose
32 Quoted
33 Idolized
34 Bridge holding
35 Turf
36 Indiana university
37 Penetrates
38 Those who (suffix)
40 Hebrew festival
43 Surrender
44 Church part
45 Mythical birds
48 Be seated
50 Numbers (ab.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	I	N	K		T	A	N		B	L	U	E
R	O	A	N		O	L	E		L	A	R	S
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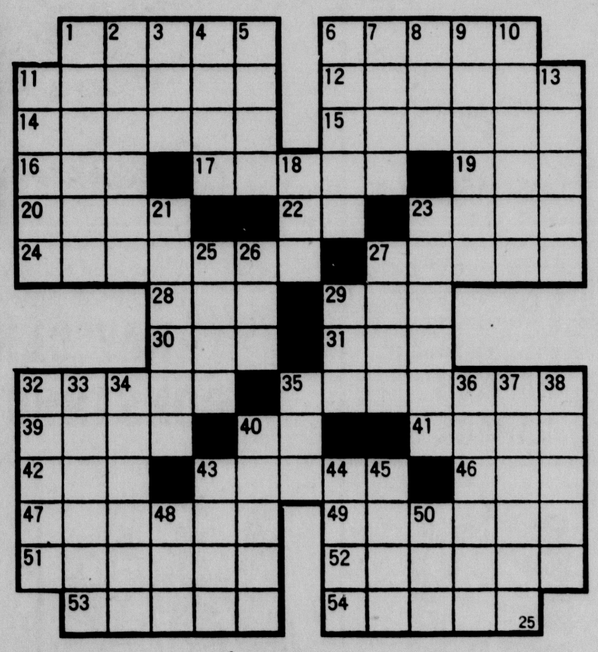

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2 Morning	32 Enhances	62 And	
3 You	33 An	63 Day	
4 Keep	34 Collected	64 Friend	
5 Hide	35 Ideal	65 Of	
6 Can	36 Tokens	66 Assistance	
7 You	37 Day	67 Good	
8 Favors	38 Contacts	68 Dislikes	
9 Your	39 Get	69 Surprises	
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Merry Christmas

A Christmas filled with joy and laughter. A holiday abundant in peace and love . . . our season's wishes to you and yours.

A Christmas Wish

May you follow your own Christmas star to find the answer to your own dreams. And may the peace of the season be yours . . . today and evermore. Best of holiday wishes!

OZBURN-ABSTON CO. OF MISSOURI INC.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Humbly let us lift our hearts and adore the Lord at Christmas and every day.

GUY'S HEARING AID CENTER
309 W. Malone

Holiday Cheer

May these merry bells keep ringing out happy holidays in your home and heart this season.

HARRIS PHARMACY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's the holiday of holidays . . . the time we look forward to every year. Let's make each shining moment count. By being lighthearted and loving . . . kind and sincere. To all . . . thanks.

LEWIS FURNITURE
Malone Ave.
KINGSWAY FURNITURE
South Kingshighway

Christmas Cheer

We're ready to strum out a merry tune. To the chorus of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

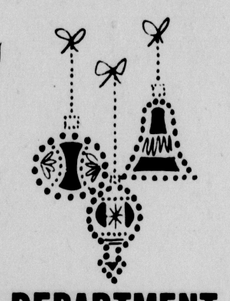
SIKESTON KIWANIS CLUB

Season's Greetings

As Jack Frost nips at your nose and bites your toes our wishes will warm your heart.

SIKESTON DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

Season's Greetings



We wish you a very merry Christmas. May each magic moment fill your heart with happiness . . . warmth. Our special thanks to good friends, loyal patrons.

SIKESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF GARY LINNEMEYER

Happy Holiday

As on the First Noel . . . may each heart ring true and be blessed.

Shoe Box
Downtown Sikeston

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Another Christmas is being heralded. Join with family . . . friends in light-hearted celebration. Let's make it festive and do it up bright! During the holidays do remember that we're grateful for your support. Our thanks.

BLOEMER'S GROCERY
1056 N. Kingshighway

CHEERS

FROM THE GANG AT SAMBO'S

Merry Christmas

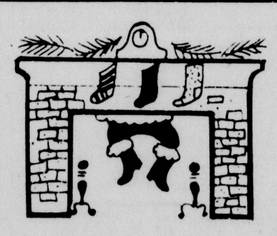
To neighbors, patrons . . . friends all. We're on route to bring happy holiday messages your way. And to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness and loyal support.

LEONARD'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
471-0052

MERRY CHRISTMAS

That happy time of year is here! Fill your heart and home with its joy. Bake homemade cookies, sing carols and string the tree with popcorn. Enjoy each simple pleasure . . . make them all a family affair.

NICHOLSON'S TIRE SERVICE



Christmas Joy

Santa's about to enter on the picture . . . with a sack full of joyful greetings, direct from our office up North.

HELEN'S FLORIST

Greetings

May each candle's glow reflect joy, peaceful thoughts this holiday season.

CATO'S
Manager,
Francis Emerson

HELLO

Enjoy each tranquil moment of this peaceful season. Share them with loved ones.

AAA AUTO PARTS
Skip & Castor

A Christmas Wish

Deck Christmas with joy and laughter . . . family togetherness and thankfulness.

HARRY'S BARBER SHOP

Christmas Cheer

Bright, light-hearted wishes to folks young and old. Enjoy and be merry this season.

McDONALD'S CLOTH SHOP

A Christmas Wish

That each and every one's heart and soul be filled with true season's blessings.

MR. BILL'S
BEAUTY SCHOOL & SALON

Best Wishes

A tinkle of silvery bells, a wreath of our best wishes. Happy holidays, dear friends!

PARKER GARAGE

Christmas Greetings

Let's all celebrate to the fullest this joyous holiday season. May it be full of happiness to share.

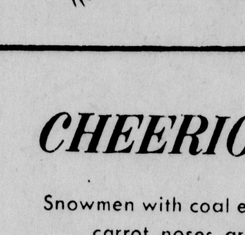
RAY CLINTON CONSTRUCTION CO.

Yuletide Greetings

Fill your heart with delight. Reflect on that first Christmas night.

C & S FORD TRACTOR INC.

Happy Holiday



Deck the tree with ornaments bright . . . and with our greetings merry and light!

SMITH FUNERAL HOME
104 Petty

CHEERIO

Snowmen with coal eyes . . . carrot noses are a part of Christmas. As is our good cheer.

C.H. YANSON, Jeweler

Happy Holiday

To wonderful patrons and friends . . . happy thoughts for a joyous, peaceful Yuletide.

EL CAPRI RESTAURANT

Merry Christmas

'Tis the season to be cheery! Laugh . . . feast . . . carol. Join in all the fun festivities . . . be merry. And help make this the most together, happy-to-remember Christmas ever.

GARDEN LANE NURSERY
527 S. KINGSHIGHWAY

Holiday Greetings

Trim the tree, deck the halls, display greeting cards. Accept our warm "thanks."

DAVIS MARBLE CO.

GREETINGS

May the faith that led the Three Wise Men find a home in your heart.

BILL'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

Yuletide Joy

Here's a stocking filled with love. It's brimming over with warm wishes.

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, INC.
AIRPORT DR. - PHONE 471-0090

Best Wishes

May hearts everywhere be filled with contentment.

BELL'S ELECTRONICS

Greetings

Wrap up the season with our good wishes for love, peace and joy. To one and all!

SIKESTON TRUSS COMPANY

Christmas

"WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR..."

As the Wise Men came from the
East to find the newborn King...
so do we gather now at the manger...
seeking new answers to age-old
questions:
"Where is meaning?
What is joy?
How can we know peace?"

Now...as then
...the answers are in the hearts of
men, waiting to be searched out,
recognized and understood.

May each of us find the strength
and wisdom to follow his own
star to truth.

May the peace that passeth all
understanding be with us at
Christmas and all through the year.

From the Employees of The Daily Standard

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'Crafty' ideas for creative Christmas gifting

Add ingenuity to holiday wrappings with colored construction paper and Elmer's Glue-All. Make 3-D figures by cutting two of each design, slit top of one, bottom of another to interlock them. Glue to already-wrapped presents.

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Create adorable elves for table decor: use shelled walnut halves glued together for bodies, top with filbert heads, shelled almonds for feet. Use paper, small beads for mouths, eyes, hands and hats.

For delightful tree decorations, salvage egg shells, by piercing small hole in each end, blowing through one end so white and yolk fall into bowl (for use in baking, scrambling). Cover eggshell with Elmer's, dip into glitter for sparkle.

Children will enjoy making 3-D Christmas cards from shirt cardboards decorated with cut-outs of felt, foil, fabric, cotton or beads. Glue on with Elmer's. Trim edges with ric-rac for the final touch of holiday flair. It's fun.

For lovely personalized tree-trimmings, take plain, solid-colored ornaments, let children write their names, the date with Elmer's Glue-All. Sprinkle glitter in contrasting colors over Elmer's for sparkling, personalized tree-trimming.

Make balloon-wrap ornaments by dipping string into bowl of Elmer's Glue-All, wrapping around already-inflated balloon. When glue is thoroughly dry, puncture and remove balloon. Ornament can be spraypainted with Krylon, then dipped into glitter for sparkle.

Decorate your tree with a colorful paper chain; cut strips of colored construction paper 4" long. Glue one strip end-to-end to form a loop. Loop strip of contrasting color through it, continue same until a long rope is formed.

Hearty grog adds glow to Yuletide fest

It's Christmas, time for shared moments with family and friends, for celebration and nostalgia, for traditional partying, feasting and fun.

Of the many traditions bound into this joyful season, perhaps the most delightful is the tree-trimming party.

Invite a few close friends over to share with you and your family a quiet evening of bedecking the tree by the soft glow of candlelight, or let a friendly fire blaze in the hearth.

To brighten holiday spirits even more, why not brew up a delightful, traditional grog from Germany?

This warm, mellow drink is aptly named *"gluewein,"* which is German for "glowing wine" and it *will* add a pleasant glow to your holiday festivities from tree-trimming time to Twelfth Night celebrations.

Although it's made from port wine, which is rather sweet, the addition of lemon and cinnamon turns it into a subtly spicy, lovely drink that will remain a family favorite.

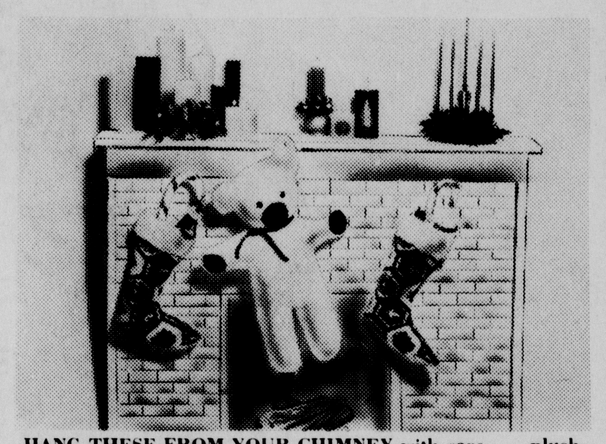
"GLUEWEIN"

1 qt. port wine
1¾ cups water
1½ sticks cinnamon
1½ lemons, sliced
½ to ⅔ cups sugar, to taste

Place all ingredients in a 2-qt. pot; simmer over low heat for ten minutes, stirring gently until sugar completely dissolves. Remove cinnamon sticks, float a lemon slice in each serving.

'Sew' easy for Christmas

UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS COME ALIVE with a Viking . . . like this cuddly fun-fur jacket, plush-lined tapestry mittens. Teddy bear, too, sewn on a Viking . . . easily with Viking's exclusive free arm for expert tailoring of sleeves, curves. "Santa" candle by Lenox.



HANG THESE FROM YOUR CHIMNEY with care . . . plush-lined, tapestry mukluks, comfy for wearing around the house on those cold, winter nights, and so easy-to-sew with the Viking 6000 machine, with exclusive stitch and tailoring features. "Teddy," too, is a Viking sew-up. Candles by Lenox.

Sew up Christmas gifting with ease

Say more than just "Merry Christmas" this year with furry, "fun"-sational gifts you've made yourself with your home sewing machine. Hand-made gifts add a special, personal note to seasonal gifting, give *you* a chance to show off your creativity.

With the versatile Viking, creativity comes easy . . . no matter what you're sewing, or how inexperienced a sewer you are. Exclusive Tri-motion stitch mechanism sews up furry, deep-pile fabrics and "fun" furs as easily as any lightweight cotton.

With "fun" furs, the possibilities for creating wonderful things are almost endless . . . whip up a lovely, full-length robe for snuggling up.

CHRISTMAS Greetings

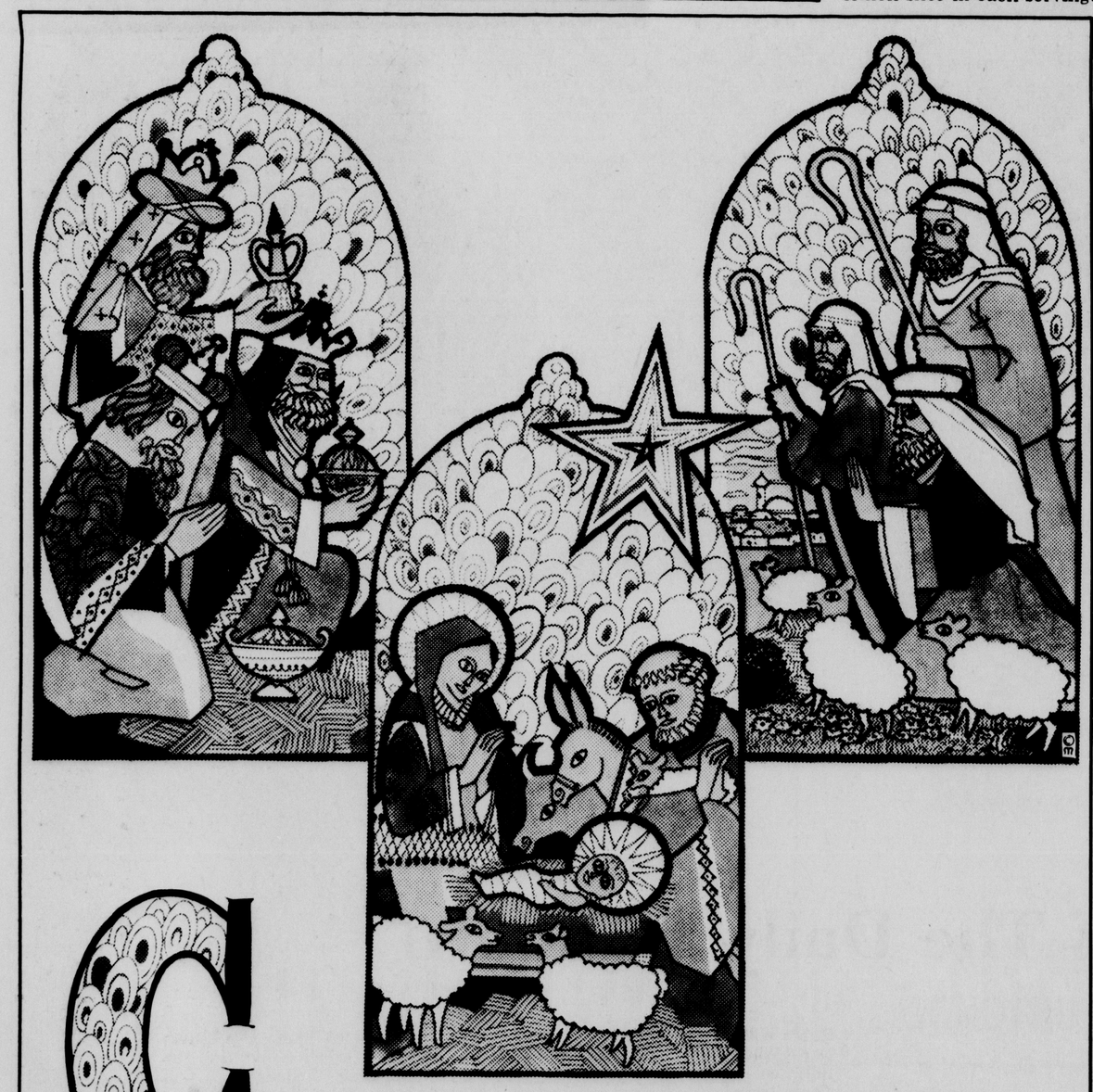
Sing out the songs of Yuletide cheer. It's the season to be joyful and to thank our many good friends. Noel!

WHITES DRUG STORE
YOUR REXALL DRUG STORE
RUSSELL STOVER CANDIES
108 N. NEW MADRID 471-0274

Old-Fashioned Greetings

Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.

Falkoff's
MENS & BOYS SHOP
104 E. FRONT SIKESTON 471-0331



CHRISTMAS...

A time for spiritual rededication.
A time for sharing memories and renewing cherished friendships. A time for joy and peace.

Scaltest
BOOTHEEL DAIRY
ED RING, DISTRIBUTOR

With pride
and gratitude
for the loyalty you have shown,
we extend our sincerest wishes
that you and yours enjoy
A Merry Christmas
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

KOHLFELD DISTRIBUTING CO.
110 MISSOURI SIKESTON, MO.

Festive plum pudding 'plum out of plums'

In England a holiday dinner means a roast goose and a flaming plum pudding, the famous pudding about which Americans have only read, or imagine to be some sort of custardy thing made with plums.

The festive plum pudding so lovingly mentioned from Shakespeare to Dickens to the latest novels has, in fact, no plums in it.

It is a firm, high-molded, deep brown dessert based on bread crumbs, suet and dried fruit, and could be a delicious alternative from holiday fruitcake for the American gourmet.

The steamed, firm pudding is heavy with fruit, drenched in brandy, dramatic with pale blue flames and gay with a sprig of red-berried holly.

A moist, generous portion is scooped onto the plate and dolloped with cold Cumberland rum butter. The combination of cold hard sauce and hot, soft pudding finishes off a gala dinner with mouthwatering delight.

Begin your holiday feast with another English favorite, a wassail cup: simple, but elegant as a fine, blended Scotch like 173-year-old Famous Grouse, a 90-proof wonder whose rich flavor stands up to ice dilution or a splash of soda.

This time stuff a roast goose instead of a turkey, with plenty of sage, applesauce and onions, and serve it with sausages, mashed potatoes and vegetables.

The English adore mince pie for Christmas, though an American apple pie with ice cream sits a little better with our children.

But the fruity, mystic, flame-wreathed plum pudding, centuries ancient, brought to the table with the same awed ceremony as in Dickens' Cratchit family, could mark 1973 as the beginning of a tradition on your festive table, eagerly anticipated every holiday season by all.

PLUM PUDDING
(May be refrigerated up to a year!)

¾ cup each:
chopped dates
dark raisins
golden raisins
¼ cup each:
chopped mixed candied fruit peel
chopped candied cherries
½ cup each:
slivered almonds
chopped nuts
1 small, tart cooking apple, peeled and chopped coarsely
¼ lb. (1 cup) minced suet (very important)

In a large, deep bowl mix very well all ingredients.

Then stir in:
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup soft bread crumbs
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. each cinnamon and salt
1½ tsp. baking powder

In separate bowl beat 4 eggs frothy, stir in ¾ cup brandy, ¼ cup mixed orange and lemon juice, pour over fruit mixture. Knead vigorously until all is well blended. Cover with damp cloth and refrigerate 12 hours.

Turn mixture into 2 well-greased pudding molds (or 1 qt. bowls), cover with butter foil tightly secured, drape a damp kitchen towel over each and tie with cord in middle of bowl, knot up ends over center of mold.

Put in deep kettle, pour boiling water to ¾ depth of molds. Cover pot tightly and steam over low flame 3 hours, adding water as needed.

Remove from steamer, let cool, remove towels and foil, recover tightly and refrigerate for at least 3 weeks. To serve, resteam for 1 hour, unmold, warm ¼ cup brandy for each pudding, ignite and pour over.

The success of this recipe depends on all the time the flavors are given to meld and the slow steaming.

Wake up to music

A TIME-LY REMINDER and the gift of AM and FM broadcast music and sound are combined in this digital AM-FM clock radio. This receiver, suggested for Christmas gifting by Zenith, also has a wake-to-music or buzzer alarm convenience. Raised cabinet is grained walnut color with chrome trim.

Digital clock radio will be welcome wake-up gift for him

Want to give your husband a gift that you will be able to benefit from as much as he? Give him a digital clock radio.

Since the clock alarm turns the radio on at a preset time in the morning, you won't have to hear a buzzer or bell wake you up when it's time for him to get up.

Harsh buzzers and bells annoy some people, but soft easy music can wake them gently, yet quietly.

Zenith's digital clock radios have illuminated easy-to-read numbers that tell you the time without requiring you to turn on a lamp in the middle of the night. Most sets play both AM and FM so their use as a room radio begins after you awaken.

A repeating wake-up alarm enables those who wake up slowly to be "called" up to four times each morning, yet it allows them about "40 winks" in between without fear of oversleeping.

BEST WISHES AT
Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones.
It has been a pleasure to serve you.

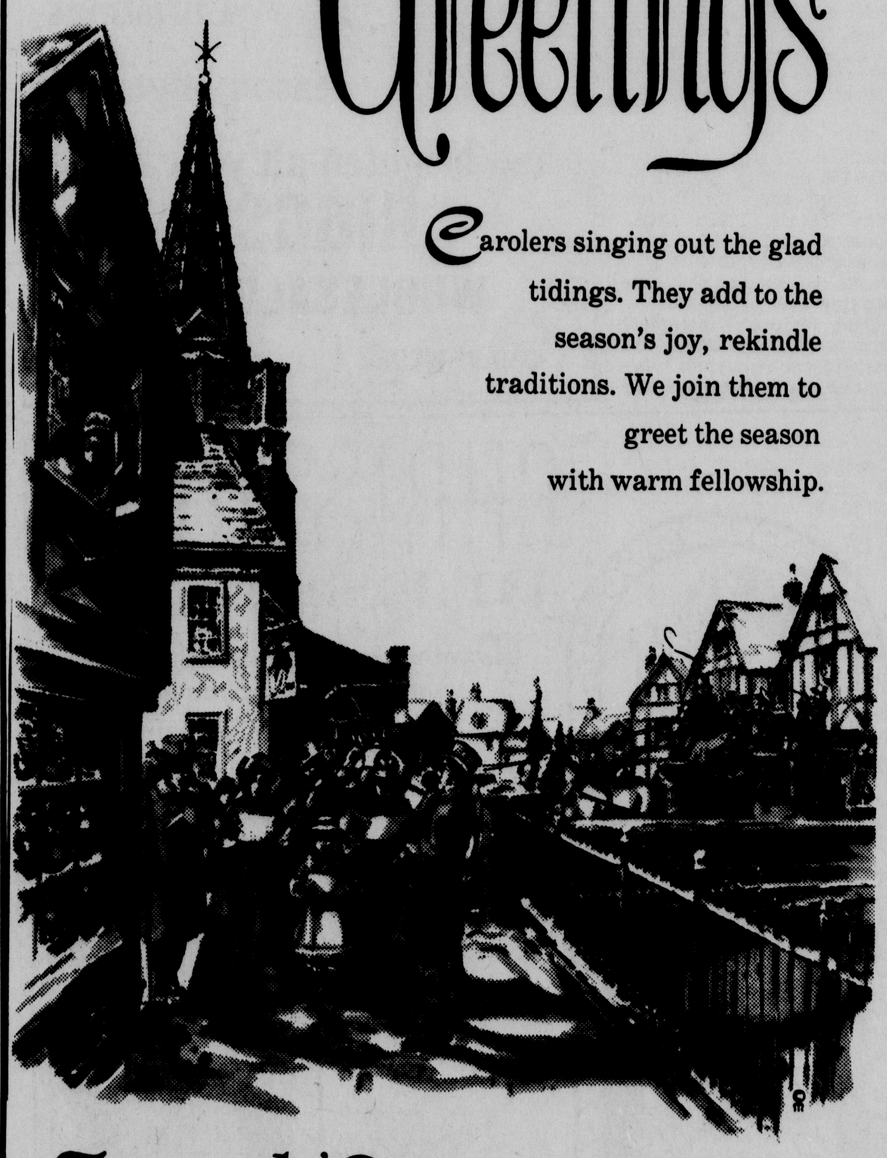
HAMBRICK ELECTRIC
GREER ST. SIKESTON

GREETINGS at CHRISTMAS

Seasonal excitement is in the air as spirits mount. To all our good patrons go sincere thanks.

MID DELTA AGENCY
SIKESTON, MO.

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE Co



Greetings

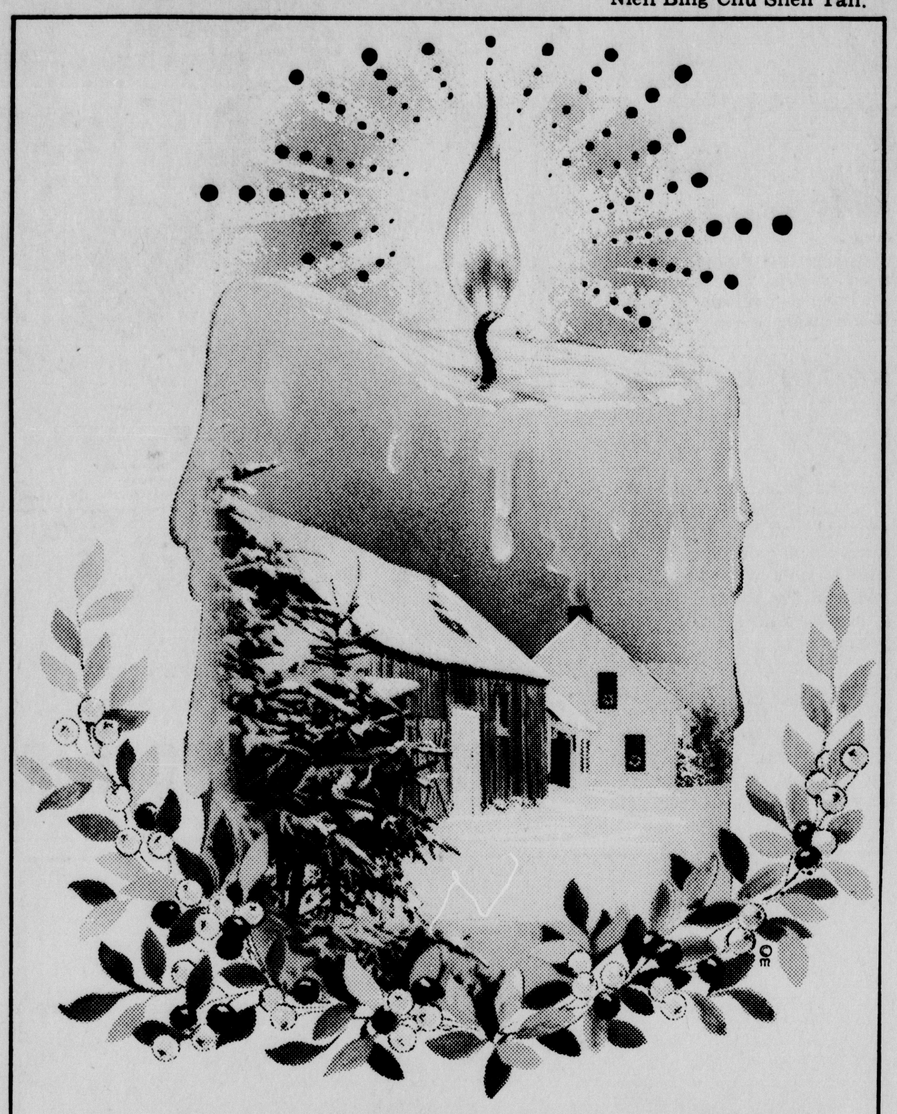
Carolers singing out the glad tidings. They add to the season's joy, rekindle traditions. We join them to greet the season with warm fellowship.

Joy and Peace

TUCKER TRUCK LINES

Gifts from the kitchen improve holiday spirits

SPELLING TEST
"Merry Christmas" in Chinese is Kung Hsi Hsin Nien Bing Chu Shen Tan.



GREETINGS

We hope that the true spirit of Christmas will bring a glow to your spirits, warmth to your heart. Thanks to all!

ORAN STATE BANK
BENTON FACILITY

Stuff a stocking with pies this year and eat desserts merrily ever after

Here's a great stocking stuffer for any pie connoisseur — the "Calendar of Great American Pies" by Marlene Parrish and Mary Kay Poppenberg.

The 23-page book offers 12 tasty pastries, one for each month of the year starting with January's pecan pie and ending with December's chocolate mousse.

Other pies included in the book are: cherry, rhubarb, toasted coconut, lemon meringue, strawberry, blueberry, peach, pear crunch, apple and pumpkin — all old-fashioned pies, but not difficult recipes to follow.

The book also includes tips on how to roll dough between two sheets of Cut-Rite wax paper for forming pie crusts, ways to perform the always-difficult pastry arranging for lattice tops and fluting, as well as other ways to make pastry.

Here's a mouth-watering sample for Pecan Pie:

- 3 eggs
- ½ cup light-brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- pastry for a 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup (or 8 oz. can) pecan halves

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Prepare 9-inch unbaked pie shell. Crust rolled between two sheets of Cut-Rite wax paper has the advantage of being manageable and there's no flour mess.
3. Beat eggs well in medium bowl. Add sugar, corn syrup, salt, vanilla and beat until well mixed.
4. Stir in melted butter and pecans.
5. Pour into pie shell.
6. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until filling is set in center when pie is gently shaken.
7. Place on a rack to cool.

This very rich pie is especially good when served slightly warm. Place on a hot-tray or in a warm oven about 10-15 minutes before serving.

There's more steaming treats where this one came from in the "Calendar of Great American Pies" available for $2.25 a copy, or $1.00 plus one Seal of Quality from Cut-Rite. Send a check or money order to: Pie Calendar Book, Scott Paper Company, Scott Plaza, Philadelphia, Pa. 19113.

PIEMAKERS TAKE HEART! Two housewives, Mary Kay Poppenberg, left, and Marlene Parrish have put together the "Calendar of Great American Pies" filled with mouth-watering recipes for each month of the year.

Gala beginning

THE GALA BEGINNING and end of a holiday feast: Famous Grouse on-the-rocks for the opening toast, and flaming English plum pudding for a delectable finish; elegant offerings all will remember.

HOLLY BY GOLLY

Holly comes in over 100 varieties, and is almost universally grown.

Quick-cooking for the busy tennis buff

Once engrossed in the game, it's hard for a housewife who plays tennis to fight the terrible temptation to spend more time on the courts and less time in the kitchen. But why fight it?

Two tennis housewives, Marlene Parrish and Mary Kay Poppenberg, teamed up to write the "I'd Rather Play Tennis Than Cook" cookbook which is a boon to any busy housewife who wants to spend less time cooking over a hot stove.

The recipes — complete with tennis term titles—are easy-to-cook gourmet types that are sure to satisfy any hungry family with a minimum of effort.

For instance, it's simple to prepare a meal of Racquet of Lamb; Love-Apple Bake; Don Budge Fudge Brownies; and a Rosewall-Banger (Vodka, Galliano, and orange juice).

To keep the meal simple, yet appealing, use Scott placemats in colorful prints and matching Scott Family Napkins. These make clean-up all the quicker in case an after-dinner tennis match is on the agenda.

The 40-page "I'd Rather Play Tennis Than Cook" cookbook makes an ideal gift — not just for tennis buffs, but any active woman. To receive the book, send $2.25, or $1.00 plus the Seal of Quality from one package of Viva Napkins, to: Tennis Cookbook, Scott Paper Company, Scott Plaza, Philadelphia, Pa. 19113.

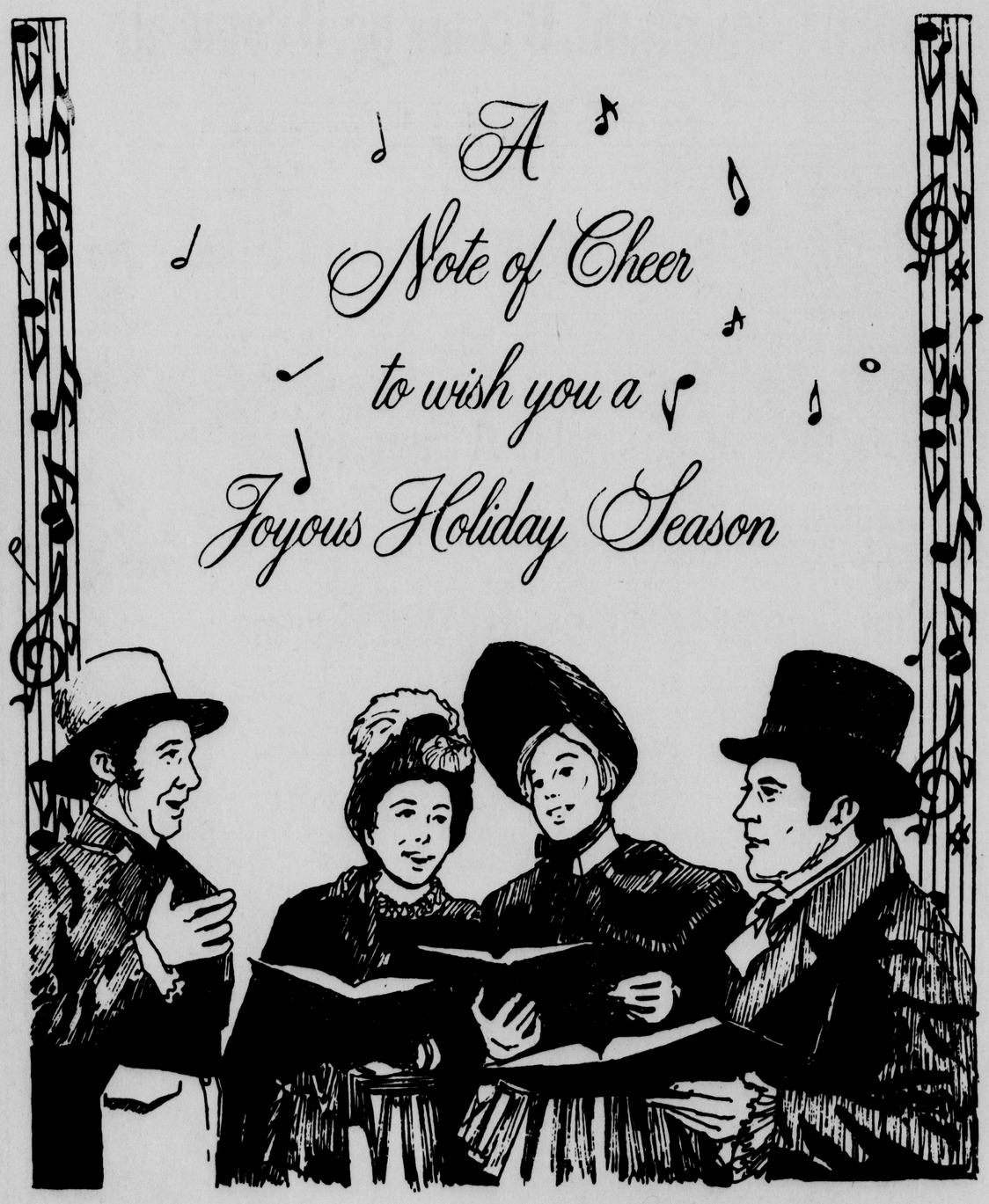
PYRAMIDING PRESENTS

The custom of gift-giving at holiday times and festivals dates back centuries. In Ancient Egypt New Year presents were exchanged; a fact unearthed when archaeologists discovered small blue bottles inscribed with New Year's greetings in the tombs of the Pharaohs.

OAK ROOM LOUNGE
Kingsway Mall

May the spirit of the Christmas season linger on and brighten all your days.
RIGGS WHOLESALE CO.
380 N. WEST SIKESTON, MO.

A Note of Cheer to wish you a Joyous Holiday Season



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SIKESTON, MISSOURI

GREETINGS
Our warmest wishes for happiness at this Christmastime go forth to you.
SUPERIOR BUSINESS MACHINES
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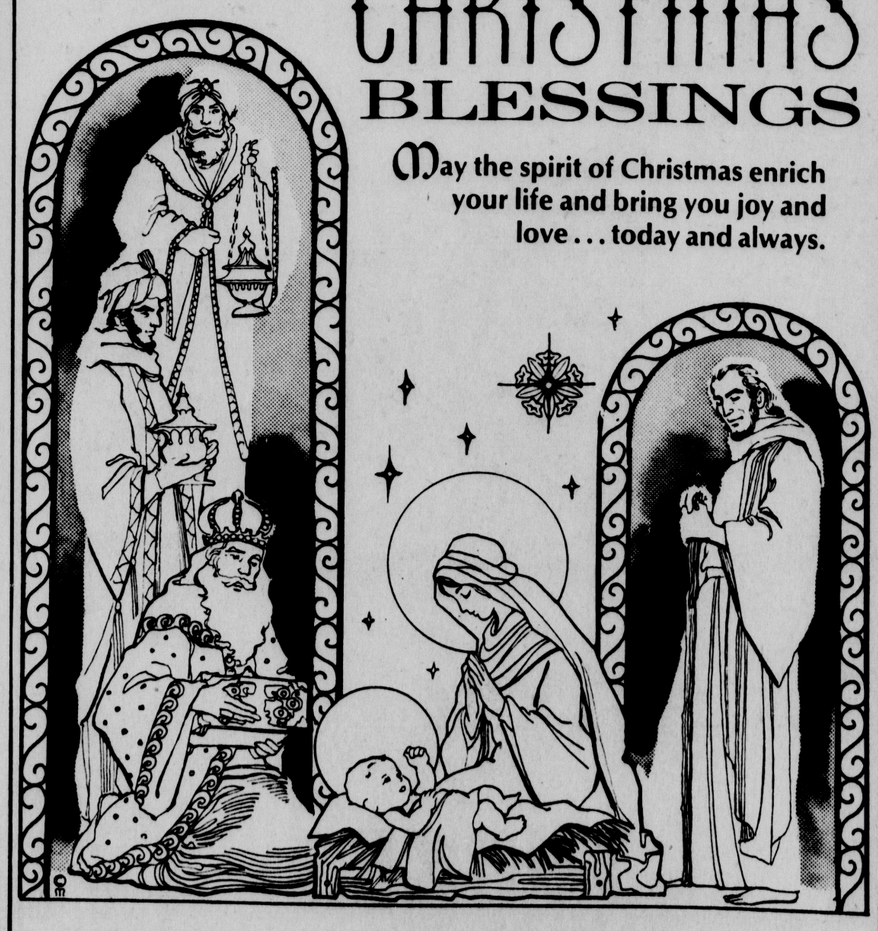
May the spirit of Christmas enrich your life and bring you joy and love . . . today and always.



LIBERTY SUPER MARKET
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Using candles creatively for decorating

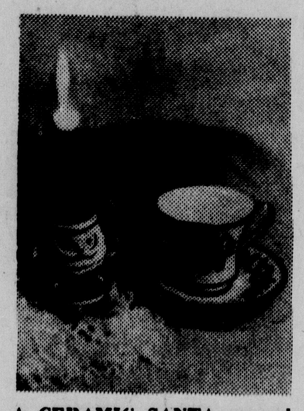
There's many a place — both expected and unexpected — for candles to illumine your home with a burst of Christmas spirit, says French-born Madame Liane Kuony, designer for Lenox Candles.

The candles available for this Christmas burst are colorful and creative, with holiday shapes that include Santas, trees and holly balls; scents of mistletoe, evergreen and holiday spice, and decorative holders and holly rings which Madame Kuony has created for the Lenox collection.

Apart from their charm as Christmas trimmings, these Yuletide candles make welcome gifts for others.

"Couple candles with your ingenuity for festival of light throughout your holiday home this season," suggests Madame Kuony. Here are some of her tips for super candle decorating:

Start Christmas at the front door by grouping stately columns of varying heights and widths — decorated with angel, holly and partridge motifs — on a table in the foyer. Add one or two holly ball candles for



A CERAMIC SANTA topped with cone-shaped candle and fine china with a holly motif set a festive mood at any Christmas table. The candle is one of the many novelties from Lenox Candles; the china is a part of Lenox's Holiday Collection.

contrast, and watch your friends' expressions as they enter your home by candlelight.

Surprise your dinner guests with an individual Santa candle at each place setting. They make great gifts, and a jolly Santa, lighted of course, above each dinner plate adds a festive touch to any repast.

Nestle a candle delightfully scented with mistletoe or evergreen in a decorative ring as an accent for the bath and let candlelight give your bath a cozy glow.

Even expected places, says Madame Kuony, such as table centerpiece, fireplace mantle, and end tables are warmly enhanced with the glow of Christmas candles.

Lenox has recreated the three kings, Gaspar, Balthazar and Melchior, as holders for slim tapers that can be grouped at a table's center, spread across a mantle or clustered on an end table surrounded by sprays of fir.

She also suggests massing column candles or pillars interspersed with pine cones and red candle balls as snappy accents for these areas.

Add a touch of candle fantasy, says Madame Kuony, and trim your home with all shapes, sizes and scents of Christmas luminaries.

Lenox Candles are from the makers of Lenox China/Crystal.

Wines match casual tones of the Yule season

The Holiday season is upon us, and Holidays mean entertaining, renewing friendships, and creating happiness.

Today we have done away with much of the work and formality of years ago; instead, we have a casual, comfortable attitude which adds a new warmth and richness to holiday living.

Hostess helper

To help her achieve this goal, the Christmas hostess finds that wine, especially imported French wine, is as right for entertaining as it is for gift-giving.

One of the most delightful French wines, particularly appropriate for the holidays, is Marquisat, the remarkable Beaujolais Villages red wine which the French classify above any regular Beaujolais.

With good wine, the holiday gathering of family or friends has just the right touch of warmth and luxury. Wine is right for all occasions: at cocktail time, for dinner, during the evening, or with late supper. Wine is also an ideal gift, reflecting the warmth of the giver.

No mystery

Serving wine is no longer a mystery. Our life style makes it simple: white wine should be slightly chilled; red wine should be served at a cool room temperature. Any attractive "general" wine glass is right for all wines.

You can also forget wondering "what goes with what" when serving wine. Wine lovers today find that the best way is to drink what you like, with whatever food you like.

So, for pleasant and easy holiday entertaining, some Marquisat wine (either the red Beaujolais Villages or the white Macon Blanc) will add just the right touch.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the sweet joys of Christmas fill the hearts of you and yours, now and evermore.

FRED'S
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

All the Joys of Christmas

We hope the Christmas promise of a bright future is fulfilled for you and your family. For your valued patronage, we thank you.

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The First Christmas

Silent night, holy night . . . May the joy of Christ's birth live in your heart today and forevermore.

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SIKESTON, MO.

Best Wishes this Christmas

May the season be abloom with peace and love for all. We appreciate your generous support.

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With Best Wishes

for CHRISTMAS

Holiday prescription: lots of family happiness, warmth, fun. Our gratitude for your patronage.

JAMES DRUG STORE
SIKESTON, MO.

Merry Christmas

WARM FRIENDSHIP, CHILDREN PLAYING, MERRIMENT . . . ALL PART OF A JOYFUL YULETIDE. FOR US, CHRISTMAS IS ALSO TIME TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY.

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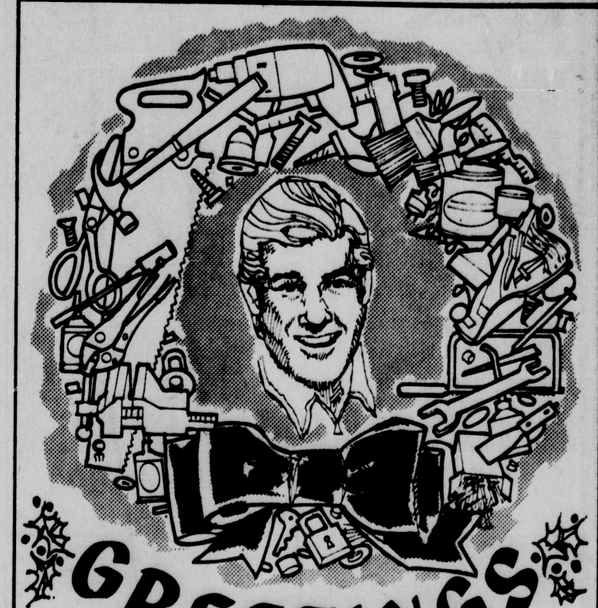

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A wreath of Yuletime happiness to you. Thanks for your confidence in us.

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Merry Christmas

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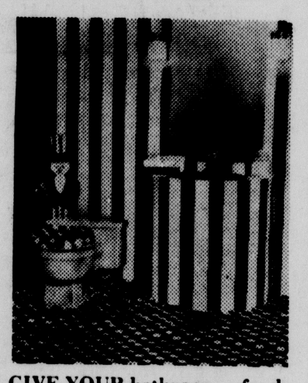
Tasty serve

HERE'S a cookbook for tennis buffs . . . or any active woman.



GIVE YOUR bathroom a fresh new look for Christmas with Glenoit do-it-yourself kits in a variety of color combinations.

Checkmate: game plan for beautiful bath

Why not treat the whole family this Christmas to a rejuvenated bathroom like this colorful one with an Americana motif. It's so easy to do.

The checkered carpeting comes in a kit, complete with patterns to cut to size and dimensions of the bathroom, and matching lid cover.

The do-it-yourself kit is available in combinations of white with blue (shown here), green, lilac, gold or canary yellow.

Best of all, these Glenoit deep pile fabrics are machine washable and can be tumble dried.

Trim a tree creatively

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and homemakers are faced with the annual task of organizing their households for the oncoming rush of "season's greeters."

Children everywhere are keyed-up with anticipation, and finding things to keep them occupied and off-the-scene is no minor chore.

Why not give *them* something interesting to do, save yourself time *and* do your pocketbook a good turn all at once. Let the children, with the aid of some everyday household items and a container of Elmer's Glue-All or new (washable) Elmer's School Glue, direct their creativity toward *making* Christmas ornaments this year.

Put the oldest child in charge of directing tree-trim-making activities and set up rules for the rest of the youngsters to follow.

Or, if all the children are a young age, you might consider asking for help from your favorite babysitter. Home-baked holiday cookies might be an irresistible reward. (You might even enjoy a bit of creative playtime yourself!)

Here are some easy, inventive ideas to start you off, so get the children together, give them a container of Elmer's and just take it from there!

(Note: If children are very young, give them new Elmer's School Glue, made to wash out of fabrics easily. Now you can let the little ones get into the Christmas spirit *without* worrying about the mess they'll make!)

Plan now to shop for perfect tree

Between December 1st and December 24th, over 105-million people will make an annual pilgrimage to shop for the "perfect" Christmas Tree.

Although only 35-million people will actually buy trees, it is estimated that more than 70-million — mostly children — will accompany Dad or Mom on the tree spree.

Selecting a Christmas tree that is just right requires a bit more shopping around than might be expected. Prices vary widely from vendor to vendor and many are willing to bargain for a price, especially as the Day nears.

Before venturing to discover a "perfect" tree, you might want to consider the space the tree is going to occupy.

PEACE, JOY

Wishing all of you the most joyous of holiday seasons. Thanks for making our future so bright.

SIKESTON COTTON OIL MILL
SIKESTON, MO.

Hobby gifts suggest 'do your own thing'

How nice to select a gift whose hidden as well as obvious ingredients appeal to most anyone. And there is no worry about size or color or whether it will be returned after Christmas or tossed in a closet to gather dust.

It's an unforgettable gift with endless pleasure. It's the gift of a do-it-yourself hobby.

Countless reasons are cited for the boom in hobbies and crafts. It's the age of doing your own thing. It's a search for individuality in a computerized society.

Hobby is . . .

Depending on the age and frame of mind of the hobbyist, psychologists say, having a hobby is fun, creative, relaxing, therapeutic, or educational. It helps build a sense of confidence and pride in achievement.

"Painting, even by number, building or operating a miniature electric train empire, flying scale model planes, or assembling and collecting authentic scale models," says Dr. Albert Freeman, Beverly Hills, Cal. psychologist, "helps any executive, foreman, or shopworker to clear his mind of tension and work-a-day blahs.

Restores humor

"It helps to restore one's sense of humour and affords relaxation far better than any pill.

"This is equally true for a career woman or a mother or wife," points out Dr. Freeman. "The stress on a career woman is even more stringent than on a man.

"And there is a psychological need for the average non-career woman to prove to herself and to her family that she has more productive capabilities than merely keeping house."

Whatever the reasons for the unprecedented demand for things to make, the Hobby Association of America reports that never has such a wide variety of hobby and craft materials and kits been available; happily at prices to fit any budget, either for a stocking filler or that one impressive gift.

They range in design from those for the unskilled beginner, youngster or adult; to sophisticated kits for the experienced artisan.

More and more women evidently enjoy being praised for their craft work as well as for their thrift. There are relatively inexpensive kits, for example, to easily make chic and exotic jewelry and dress accessories either for herself or to give as a gift comparable in taste, in these days of inflation, to costly finished pieces.

Kits for all

There are kits to make stunning belts and handbags. Kits to make smart home decorations and wall hangings, ceramic pieces, decoupage, needlepoint, macrame, candles, painting and art kits for emulators of Grandma Moses or Pablo Picasso.

Instant ecology

For those with a green thumb there are ecology kits. The true earth-minded will take delight in kits that can easily convert those things usually thrown away — tin cans, plastic containers, egg cartons, and even eggshells into lovely one-of-a-kind gifts.

There are kits for practically every field of science that will intrigue students from elementary to college level. Kits of anatomy, zoology, ichthyology, and biology; electricity, electronic, chemistry and computer kits.

"Having a constructive hobby," says Dr. Marian Wagstaff, Chairperson, Secondary Education, School of Education, California State University at Los Angeles, "develops good concentration habits and learning skills in the students and raises achievement levels."

And for those who like to do something different for Christmas there are kits to easily make the most unusual and beautiful sparkling decorations that any Christmas tree will be proud to wear.

Angel tree-topper

FOR THE ANGEL, decorate a cone of white paper (or a cone-shaped drink cup) with silver ric-rac. Wings are two pipe cleaners covered with tissue paper folded over and glued to itself. Tape wings and a pair of pipe cleaner arms to back of cone. Angel's head is a painted rubber ball (sequin features and cotton hair added), hollowed to fit the cone, and glued in place with Elmer's.

Egg-citing ornaments

SAVE UP CLEVER, egg-shaped L'EGGS pantyhose and stocking packages to use for ornaments. Poke a small hole in half of the egg and thread with knotted string. If you wish to use the whole egg, glue halves together *before* starting to decorate. Make angels, Santas, decorated bells using felt scrap cut-outs, ric-rac, sequins for trim. The beautiful beaded ornament is simply an egg covered with rows of beads glued on with Elmer's.

Clothespin angels

CUT A PAPER muffin cup in half. Fold each half again, glue each pair for wings on the back of a wooden clothespin, fold-side up. With Elmer's, apply cotton hair, bead features, lace for trim. Wrap pipe cleaner arms around "neck," add paper cut-outs of instruments, songbooks. Perch on a branch for angelic choir.

Pet shop offering pat gifts

Everyone has people on their list who, more or less, are candidates for the same gifts year after year. Change the habit — there's a whole new world of gift ideas waiting for you at your local pet shop.

Naturally, the only requirement for this unique type of gifting is that the hard-to-gift person owns a pet or is a likely candidate for one.

Pet owners are pet lovers and a gift for their pet is greatly appreciated. Just be sure to make out the gift tag to both of them. That's one way to provide an interesting twist to "humdrum" Christmas gifting.

If you want to select a pet for that difficult-to-please person, be careful.

There are many things to consider, not the least of which is the intended recipient's desire for a pet. A gift certificate might be the best bet here.

But just because you've decided not to give a live parrot or hamster, the pet store still holds hundreds of ideas down every aisle, at every counter and the best reason is the budget-pleasing price tag on many of the suggestions.

Top gift

YOUR CROWNING GLORY . . . or a beautiful Elura Wig. Who cares? If it helps you tackle holiday hosting with a carefree manner, then why not? The beautiful Elura wig is totally manageable and looks like real hair, but acts better. The style is locked in, but you can reset the modacrylic wig fibers if you wish. Shown above are the new styles, available in flattering colors and in beautiful Monsanto modacrylic fibers. The Elura wig can cover a hair problem . . . and disguise it so beautifully that you don't care if you ever solve problem hair again. You can flip your wig as often as you like!

May the joys of this Christmas season rekindle cherished memories, and fill your heart with great happiness.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May your holiday be filled with wonder and all your wishes come true. Many thanks for your loyal, continued support.

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HOLY NIGHT

"O Night When Christ Was Born..."
During this joyous season let us take the time to pray for peace.

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BEST WISHES AT Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

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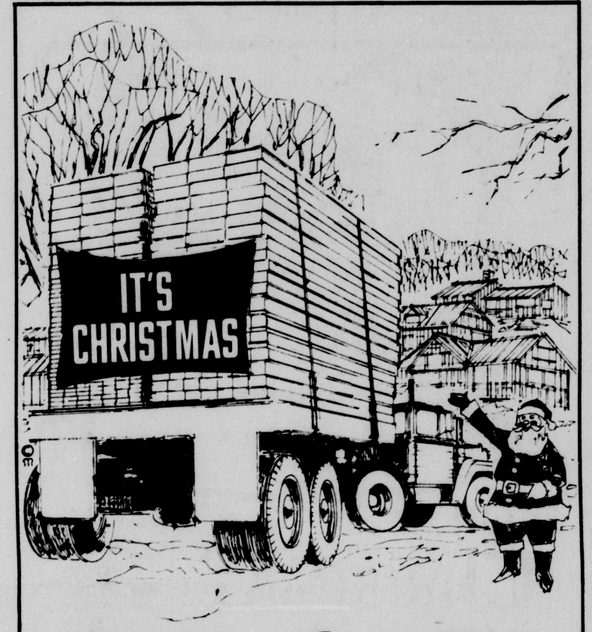

CHEERY GREETINGS

We're building a bonanza of holiday wishes for all our friends in the community. Thank you and happy holidays.

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May the spirit of the Christmas season linger on and brighten all your days.

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Thank you for letting us serve you this year.

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May the many blessings of Christmas dwell with us . . . always.

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Christmas Greetings

'TIS THE SEASON WHEN WE PAUSE TO SAY "THANKS" TO YOU OUR FRIENDS, FOR OUR PLEASANT ASSOCIATION DURING THE PAST YEAR. "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

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Elegant gifting for those 'extra special' people

The 'Christmas candle': a seasonal highlight with centuries-long history

The glow of candlelight casts an enchanting spell.

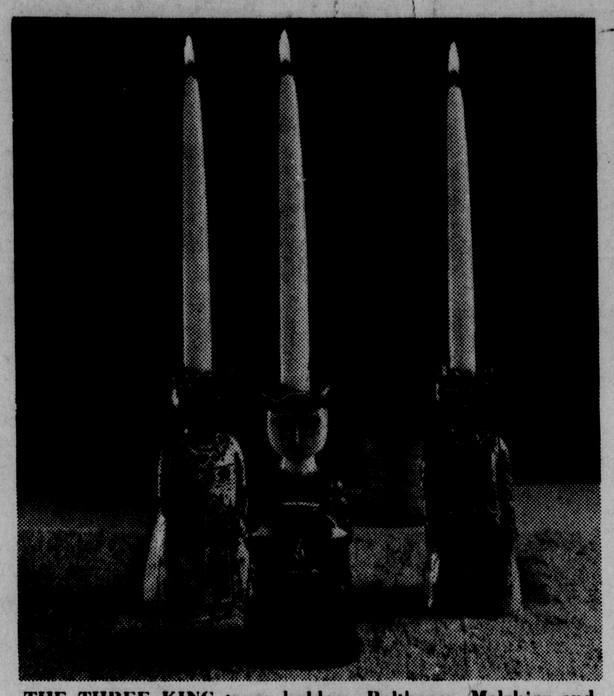
Ever since the Europeans of many centuries ago placed lighted candles at the window to welcome the Christ Child candles have enhanced the feeling of reverence and happiness at Christmastime throughout the world.

Because there was supposedly no candle to light the manger in the stable at Bethlehem the custom of placing tapers at windows began.

Anyone coming to the door was invited to enter, since many people believed Christ would appear, concealing his identity, to learn the extent of their kindness.

Christmas candle research designers disclose that candles, as we know them today, first came into general use in the eleventh century.

Beeswax or tallow were the primary substances used for candle-making until the eighteenth century.



THE THREE KING taper holders, Balthazar, Melchior and Gaspar, from Lenox Candles, can be used individually or grouped on a tabletop or fireplace mantle for a traditional Christmas accent. Lenox Candles are from the makers of Lenox China/Crystal.

In fact, until the fifteenth century, church candles were made only of beeswax because of an ancient belief that bees originated in Paradise.

The religious symbolism of the candle grew through the centuries after early Christians, huddled in damp, chilly catacombs of Rome, used lighted candles as a symbol of spiritual comfort.

In 1750 spermaceti, a substance from the head of the sperm whale, was found to be superior to tallow or beeswax. Later, in 1850, paraffin wax was developed and combined with stearic acid to make excellent candles.

The tedious task of making candles by a hand-dipped process was eliminated in 1834 when a modern candle-molding machine was developed by Joseph Morgan. It was the first to permit continuous wicking and ejection of molded candles by movable pistons.

America's earliest contribution to the history of the candle, say researchers, is the delicately-scented bayberry taper.

The Pilgrims began making bayberry candles after learning to extract the greenish wax from wild bayberries. These aromatic tapers are said to bring good luck to those who burn them during the Yuletide season.

And what of the lights on the Christmas tree? Tapers were the principal source of light in the eighteenth century as well as the oldest symbols.

Especially significant for use at Christmas, the lighted candle according to religious teaching, represents Christ in all His glory — the Light of the World.

Consequently, candles were lighted with ceremony on Christmas Eve with all the members of the family participating. Again on Christmas Night and continuing through the Feast of Epiphany, the candles traditionally were burned.

Greetings

'Happy Holidays to you" — that's in tune with our wishes.

COFFEY'S
TV & Appliance

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS from Lenox — Pleasing presents to give and, if you're lucky enough, receive. They include a selection of crystal bar glasses — liqueur, Irish coffee and hot toddy, Holiday fine china and candles. Decorative cakeplate, dinnerplate, cup and saucer are just a few of the pieces in the Lenox's Holiday collection. All in ivory-toned china with a holly motif. Column candles redolent with holiday fragrances and a roly-poly Santa, from Lenox Candles, make great stocking stuffers.

Personal gifts feel right at home waiting under the Christmas tree

There's no question about it, Christmas gifts are becoming more personal. In addition to selecting more meaningful gifts, chances are you will receive more than one "home-made" gift this year.

The do-it-yourself Christmas gift is perhaps the most personal gift one can give. Many gifters prefer to give it in addition to a store-bought present.

Special gifts with that home-made touch make great presents for the holiday hostesses upon whom you will be calling.

If you're hosting a party, and you also happen to be handy, the fruits of your labors make ideal party favors for your guests.

Among gifts that are sweeping the home-made scene this year are:

CANDLES. Easy to make, fun to decorate. One trip to the hobby shop is all you have to take.

If you're new to the joys of candle-making, check with your local hobby shop first; chances are they will be holding special candle-making classes during the holidays.

LEATHER. Starting right from scratch and tooling the hides is difficult and time-consuming for the novice. Best bet is to select pre-cut and tooled leather that requires simple assembly.

SEWING. This creative hobby offers the widest range for handy Santas. Believe it or not, everyone can sew. Local sewing centers are full of suggestions, ideas and materials.

COOKING. Become a gourmet Santa this year. The special cookies only you can bake or your special coffee cake make delicious gifting. Chances are you'll be cooking your favorite recipes during the holidays anyway, so just make extra.

KNITTING. Although time-consuming, carefully crafted wool gifts are sure to win the admiration and appreciation of all your close-knit friends.

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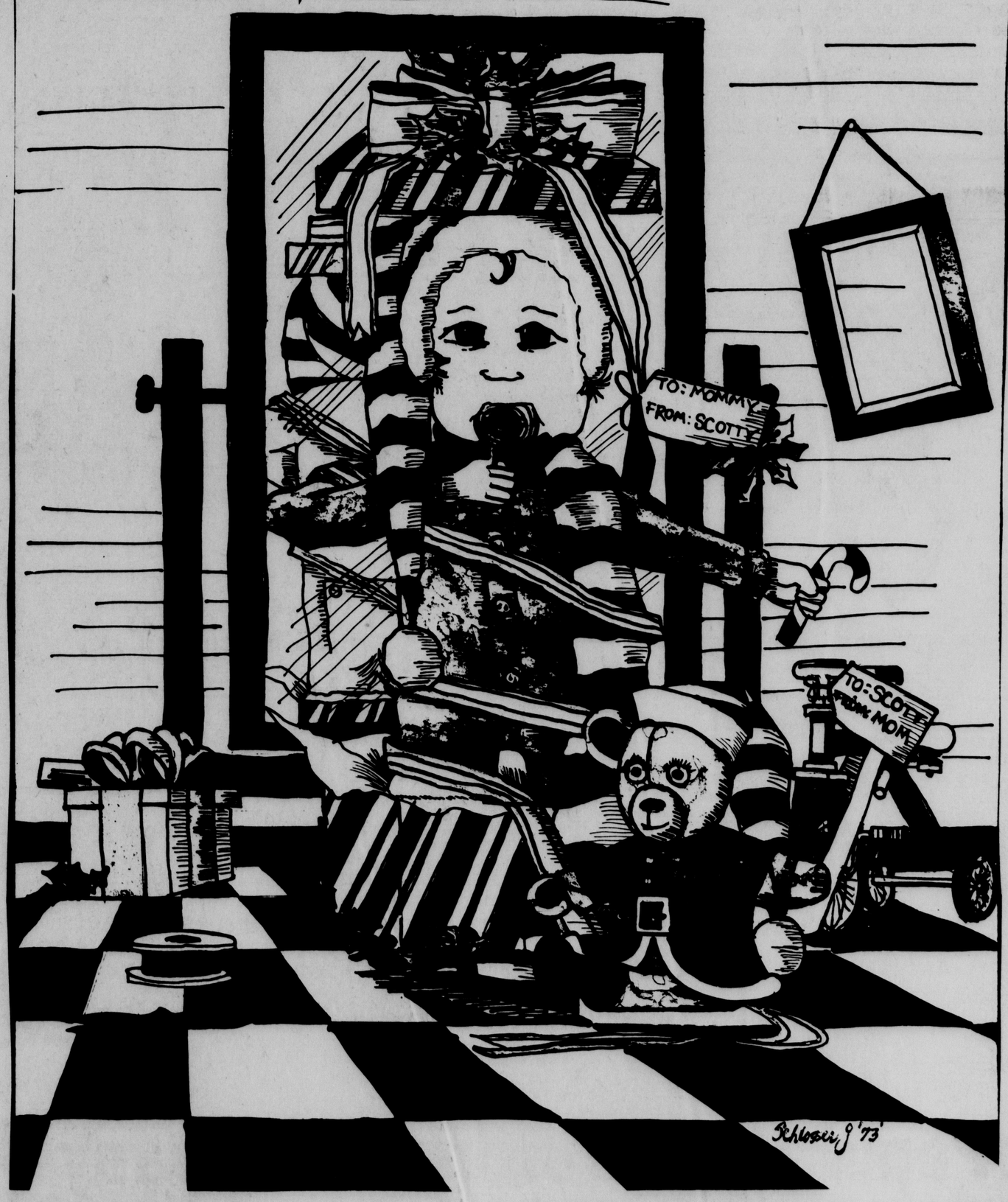

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AUTO & HOME SUPPLY
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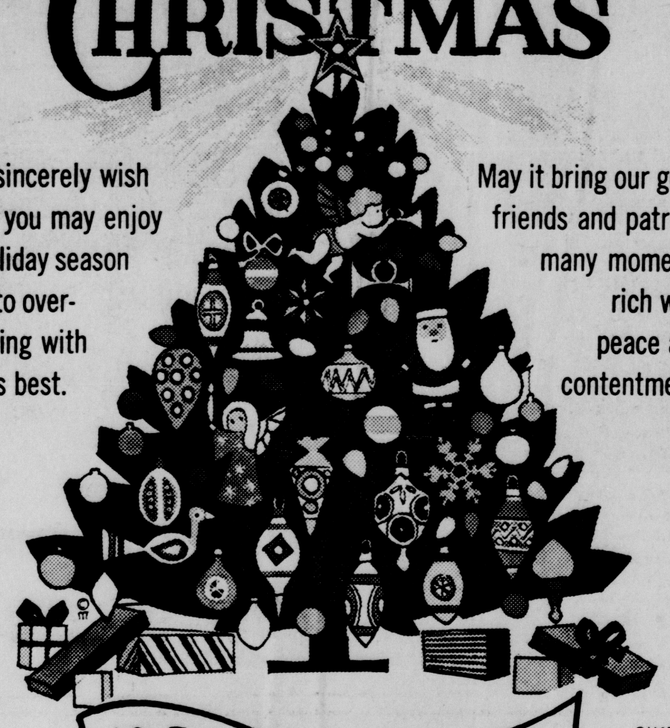
MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely wish that you may enjoy a holiday season full to overflowing with life's best.

May it bring our good friends and patrons many moments rich with peace and contentment.



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Gift ideas for the play set

Officials offer Yule toy tips

Many buyers of Christmas toys feel that "they don't make them the way they used to." And they may be right, because slowly but surely, safety engineering is becoming an integral part of toy designing.

Anyone who gives a child a toy for Christmas likes to feel that the gift won't have the youngster incapacitated for New Year's.

There are a few precautions recommended by the National Safety Council and the Toy Manufacturers Association in selecting a gift.

Age/ability

First, a toy should be in keeping with the child's age and ability. Youngsters under three years of age should not be given playthings with small removable parts.

Second, toys that shatter or break easily should be avoided. Sharp edges are another hazard that can cause cuts when one child tries to wrestle the toy away from another.

Pointed tools, chemistry sets, bows and arrows and the like are for older children (at least eight years old) who can understand their dangers.

Electrical plug-in toys should only be considered for the responsible child with adult supervision available. The toys should have U.L. (Underwriters Laboratory) seals that indicate electrical safety in design and manufacture.

Eliminate hazards

According to toy company officials, attempts are being made to eliminate all hidden hazards, but they warn that accidents can still happen through misuse and abuse of toys.

A determined campaign by the Food and Drug Administration is helping to remove many possibly dangerous toys from stores.

The Toy Safety Act of 1969 got the ball rolling, and just before Christmas of 1970, 39 toys were banned.

Rocked rattles

The initial targets were rattles that could break or had parts that could be swallowed, dolls or stuffed animals with sharp metal pieces inside them, noise-makers and balloons that could be accidentally inhaled, dart toys with sharp edges and guns with too high a noise level.

Manufacturers were notified and told to have retailers remove the offenders from their shelves.

The bans have continued, but the buyer must still be alert and not have a false sense of security. There is a bright side, however. Many of today's toys are more dependable.

Safety now

That old wooden rocking horse of years ago was apt to tip over. Doll heads once were easily broken and that was a tragedy for the child, the parents and the doll as well.

Of course, there is always the question of what the child wants for Christmas. Sometimes the most avid requests are for something inappropriate.

Psychologists suggest choosing a toy that the child may not have thought about, and thus distracting the youngster from his original request.

And just as the toy experts say be certain that safety is part of the Christmas present.

BIG BLASTER IS A NEW TOY by Marx that uses the principle of the marvelous old Irish Mail. Irish Mail you may remember was propelled when its handlebars were pushed and pulled in a rowing motion. Big Blaster has the added features of also being a push-a-long toy . . . a horn that honks and sturdy plastic and steel construction. For ages 4 to 8.

GAME PLAYING is on the boom as never before. With people enjoying more leisure time, the ever-challenging fun of games has reached new heights in popularity. Thus, high on the Yuletide gift-giving list this year are thought-provoking games for all tastes, interests and seasons. Compared to a decade ago, the range of games now available is boundless. Keeping up with the game explosion, the 3M Company offers a wide variety of challengers in every category of skill and knowledge related to contemporary living. Here, for example, are three games around the Christmas tree that appeal to a wide variety of interests. Clockwise: *Backgammon*, a game that has captured players' imaginations for centuries; *Challenge Football* that lets armchair quarterbacks call the plays like a pro since official football rules govern all offensive and defensive maneuvers; and the red-white-blue *Hectix*, a three-way, three-dimensional super puzzler. Three bits and nine pieces must be taken apart and put back together. Simple? If you can do it in an hour, you're in the upper genius class. Variety being the spice of life, these new games can provide the needed spice for holiday fun. Gift wrapping courtesy of Norcross, Inc.

PEACE ON EARTH

Our wish is that this season bestow on you all it's blessings.

PROFESSIONAL UNIFORMS
THE UNIFORM SHOPPE
524 S. NEW MADRID
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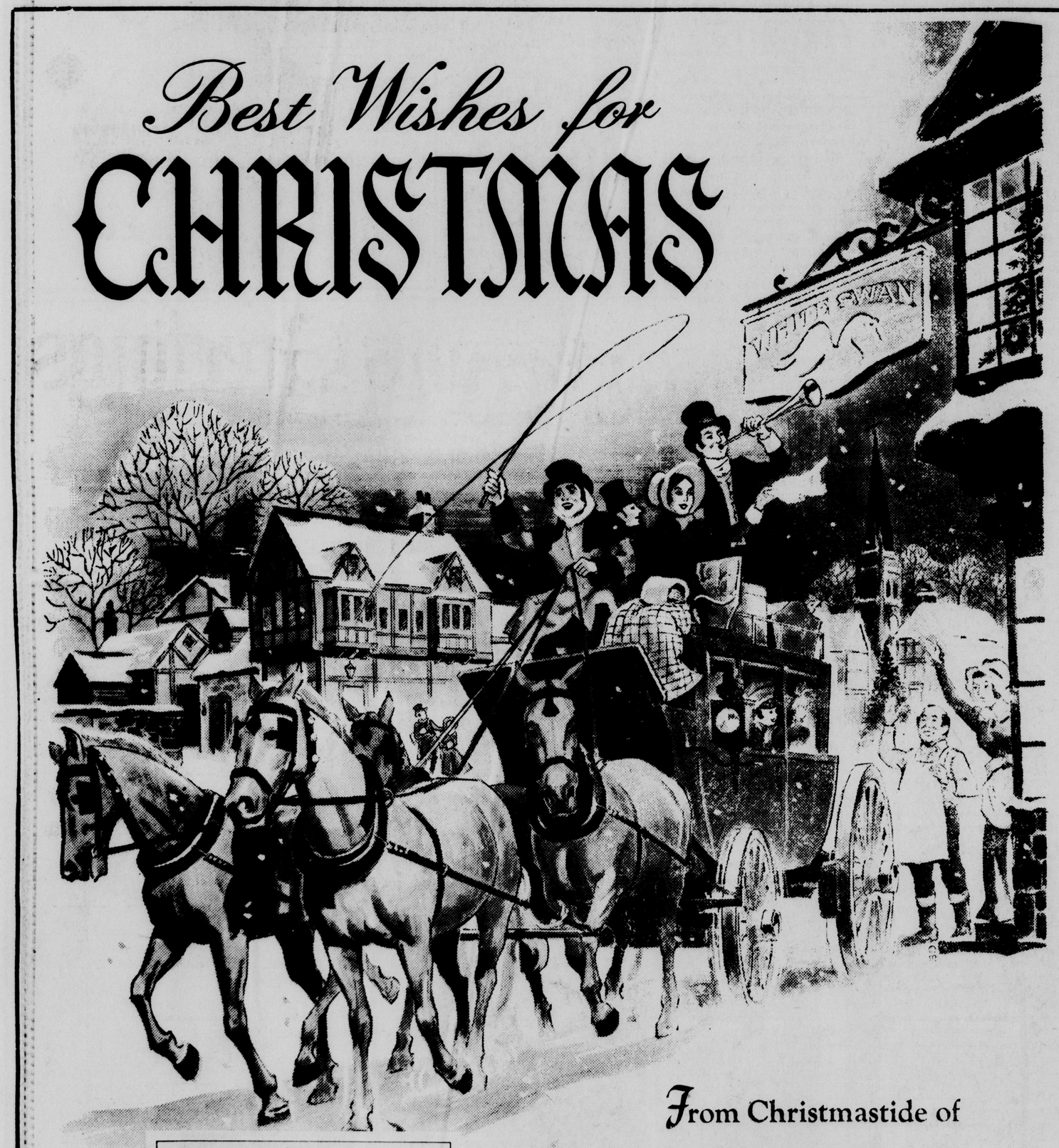
Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS



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From Christmastide of yesteryear come many of the happiest traditions of the season. It is in this good old-fashioned spirit that we greet you, and wish you all the best the holidays can bring. A very merry Christmas, everyone! We thank you, our customers, for your friendly patronage... serving you is our pleasure, and an enduring privilege.

Pepsi Cola Bottling Company

SIKESTON, MO.

Christmas Cheer!

Hope you've got lots of good things for our friends and patrons. And please deliver this wish—Happy Holiday for Everyone!

FOR THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON ENTERTAINMENT OR PARTY PLAN IT WITH US.

THE PURPLE CRACKLE

EAST CPAE, ILLINOIS

Safer toys pleasing more and lasting longer, too

Not too long ago, the only requisite of the toys stacked under the tree on Christmas morning was that they entertain the youngsters receiving them.

That's still important, of course, but today's toys must also be safe — especially if they are to be sold in the United States.

An emphasis on safety began when Congress passed the Child Protection and Safety Act of 1969, empowering the Food and Drug Administration to ban from the marketplace any toy or component that may prove hazardous to children.

Toys banned

FDA exercised this power over a two-year period by banning more than 1,000 toys that exposed children to the dangers of lacerations, puncture wounds or ingestion of toy components.

Further safeguards were implemented recently with the enactment of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Since May 11 of this year, all FDA functions in the area of toy safety have been assumed by the presidentially-appointed Consumer Product Safety Commission. The new act provides criminal and civil actions and stiffer penalties for noncompliance with approved standards and regulations.

Become aware

Toy safety standards, for example, specify that all toys for children up to 18 months old must withstand 10 drops from a height of 4½ feet onto a vinyl-covered concrete surface.

Only the most rugged toys can measure up to such tests and toy manufacturers have become very aware of the need for selecting quality materials.

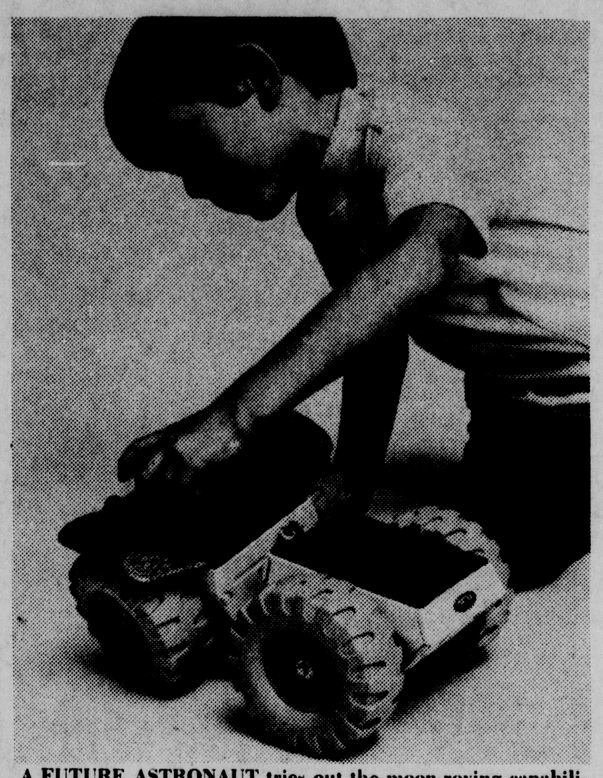
More toys are now manufactured from plastics than any other material and many of the nation's leading toy companies have selected Tenite cellulosics supplied by Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.

Cellulosics are considered among the most rugged thermoplastic materials and include acetate, butyrate and propionate. High impact strength, outstanding clarity and excellent colorability are properties that toy-makers find especially attractive in cellulosics.

Add realism

Many toys produced by the Tonka Corp. feature Tenite cellulosics. For example, to add realism to the transparent passenger dome of its new ERV (Environmental Research Vehicle), Tonka selected Tenite propionate.

ERV is expected to be one of the Tonka's best-selling toys this Christmas. Thanks to cellulosics, the clear dome of this toy is capable of taking plenty of rugged treatment at the hands of junior space explorers.



A FUTURE ASTRONAUT tries out the moon-roving capabilities of the ERV (Environmental Research Vehicle), a new Tonka toy whose reciprocating wheels move with "double-jointed" action. Clear passenger dome is made of Tenite propionate, a rugged cellulosic material supplied by Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.

Tips on buying Christmas tree

DON'T BUY IF:

- A bent needle breaks.
- Needles fall to the ground when the stump is tapped.
- The stump is not moist and sticky.

TREE IS HEALTHY IF:

- The needles are pliable.
- Needles are firmly attached to the branches.
- Branches are free of foreign matter such as vines, moss.
- Tree is free of barren branches.
- Butt is smoothly cut.

Christmas ecology: plant a green future under the tree

With a rising interest in growing vegetables for home consumption — in back yard or on apartment terraces -- an entire new area of inexpensive gifting bears fruit this Christmas.

Vegetable and fruit seeds make perfect gifts for the young "naturalists" who are into organic foods. Many families are also growing their own vegetables as a form of family participation projects.

Considering the health and economic factors, seeds make a very practical gift.

Before selecting a wide selection of seeds or baby plants, you might want to consider the following:

- Geographic area.
- Climate.
- Area available for planting.
- Amount of care necessary.
- Personal preference of recipient.
- Once these points have been considered, all that remains is a trip to your local garden supply. Giving seeds is practically the only area of gifting in which cost is an unimportant factor. Most packages are priced under $1.00 and the majority are under 50¢.

CHRISTMAS

... may it bring you and yours lasting peace, joy and blessings.

MOORES FIRESTONE

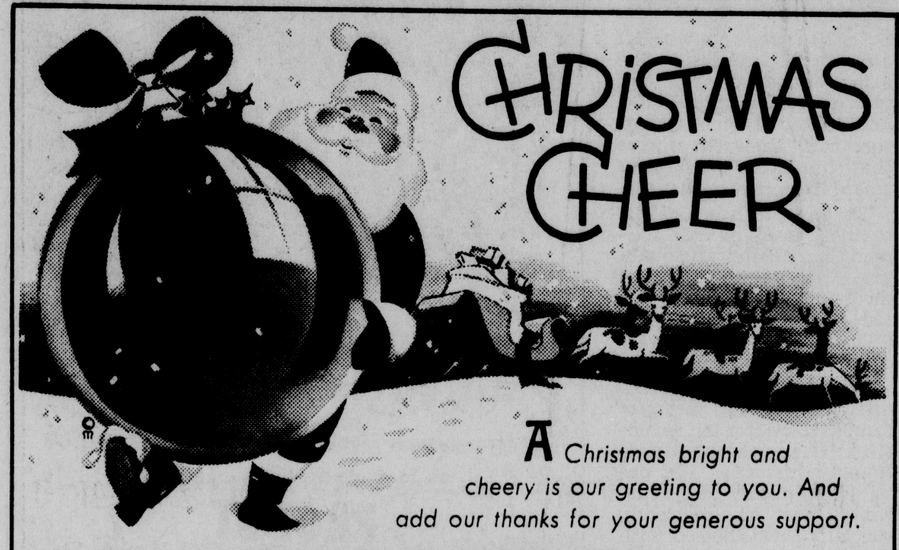
2015 E. MALONE SIKESTON, MO.

GREETINGS

Our wish is simple but sincere ...
May you enjoy a Merry Christmas.

HALE'S JEWELRY

SIKESTON, MO.

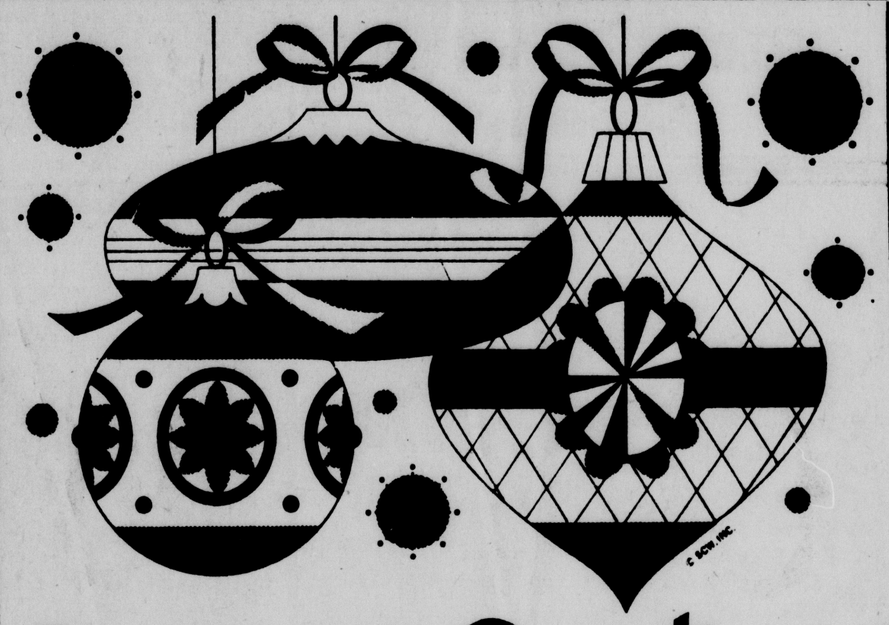


CHRISTMAS CHEER

A Christmas bright and cheery is our greeting to you. And add our thanks for your generous support.

CAPROCO INC.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE SIKESTON, MO.

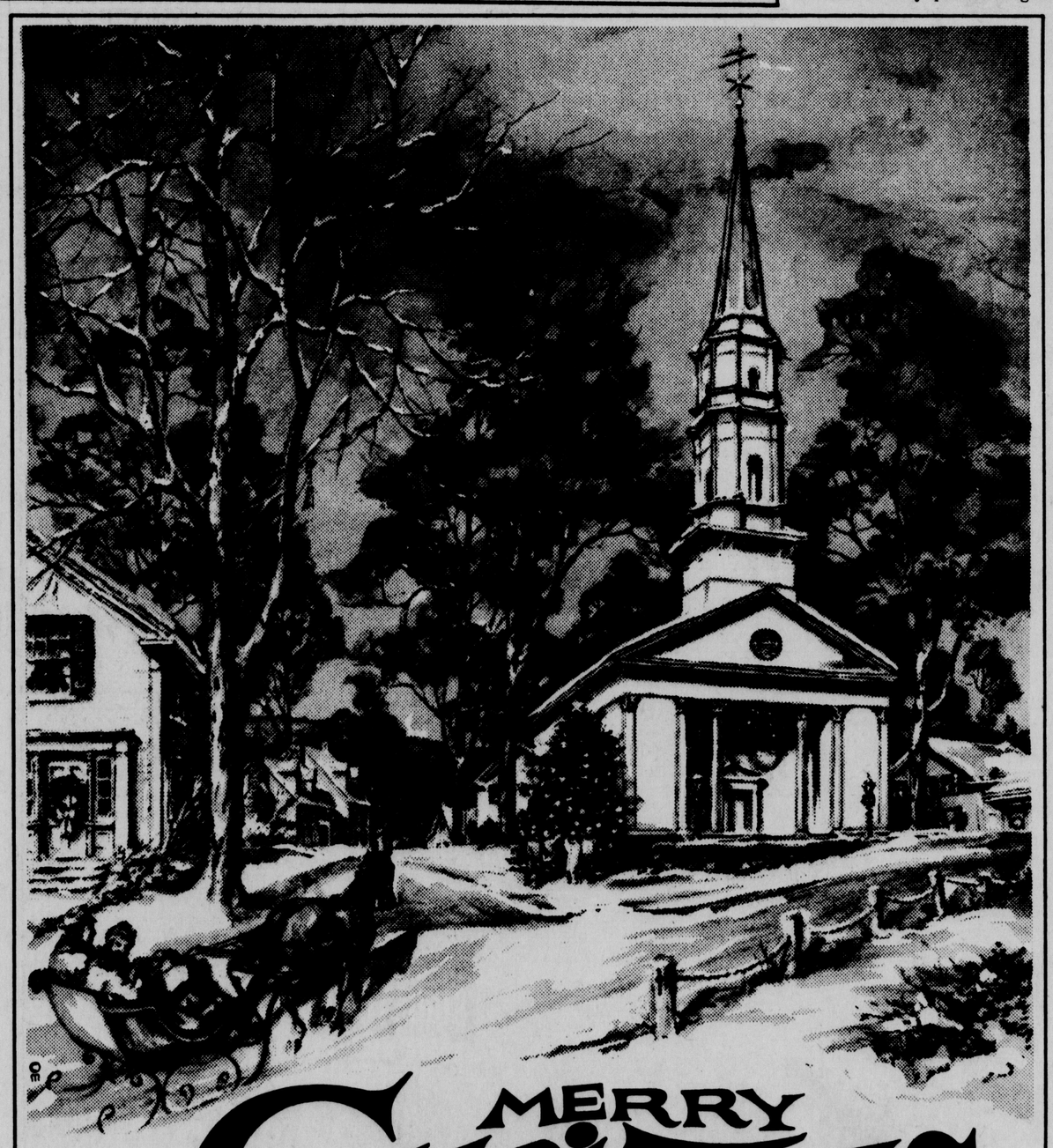


Season's Greetings

We Hope This Joyous Time Will Bring To You
All The Goodness Of Yuletide.

DELTA LOAN & FINANCE CO.

301 E. MALONE SIKESTON



MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the spirit of the season we bestow on all our neighbors and friends this wish – a blessed Yule, filled with special moments to be enjoyed with the folks you love.

SECURITY FEDERAL

SIKESTON SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION MISSOURI

GREETINGS

The Directors, Management and Employees wish all our Members and Friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and most successful New Year.

Sikeston Production Credit Association

WE HAVE HAD A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST IN 1973!

Ready-to-assemble furniture reflects Christmas Present

Nothing is more revealing about changing American priorities than gifts people give at Christmas time, and it's no secret that the home is stealing the show.

Gourmet cookware, colorful linens, ashtrays and objets d'art are becoming more popular than ever . . . proving that home is where the heart is despite what headlines say.

With so much Christmas fanfare returning to the home front this year, some wise shoppers are expanding their house gift lists to include furniture. Sounds a little extravagant maybe, but you'll be pleasantly surprised to learn that it's not.

In the past, furniture was frequently avoided. Delivery delays and high costs made the project entirely too complicated for Christmas giving.

Today, however, many people are learning about Ready-To-Assemble furniture, a whole new furniture category that's as easy to purchase and give as it is good looking.

With its increasing popularity, all types of styles and materials are fitting neatly under trees and just as neatly into budgets. Bought as easily as a tube of toothpaste, even last-minute Christmas shoppers can get in on the action.

Known in the trade as RTA, it's perfect for today's mobile way of life. It's equally suitable for singles and couples furnishing their first apartment, vacation homes, children's rooms and

YOUNG COUPLE put together just what they needed for Christmas . . . a sliding door record cabinet by JS/Permaneer. Once out of the Christmas wrappings, it only takes a screwdriver to do the job because the step-by-step diagrammed instructions are so easy to follow.

economical consumers of all ages who want to give their homes a little zing.

RTA's largest manufacturer, JS/Permaneer of Minneapolis, has everything from occasional tables, desks, chairs and record cabinets to wall systems complete with bar and desk units.

Good-looking butcher block and wood-grain vinyl veneer furniture in contemporary or Mediterranean styles is featured at budget prices with the added asset of being durable and easy to care for. RTA is the answer for people who can appreciate good value in a world of soaring prices.

Across the nation in furniture, hardware and discount variety stores, RTA furniture is shown already assembled so customers can see exactly what they're getting.

Of course, it cannot be distinguished from traditional furniture unless there's a sign, so when in doubt, most people ask the salesman.

The procedure is simple. The cartons are carried home, wrapped and given to someone special. Once opened, there's absolutely no mystery or difficulty involved.

In the case of JS/Permaneer, for instance, the furniture comes boxed with diagrammed instructions. All that is needed for assembly is a screwdriver and the ability to read.

Imagine the excitement and surprise of the lucky recipient upon finding a beautiful piece of furniture ready to be assembled from what began as an ordinary present.

It's one of the more ingenious gift-giving trends sweeping the country this Christmas, as well as a unique solution for some of the more "difficult-to-give-gifts-to" people gracing many Christmas lists.

It's a pretty good idea, when you stop to consider it, and a lot more practical than gold, frankincense or myrrh.

Whale of a gift idea revives folk art

Scrimshaw, the great but dying American folk art, has a new lease on life.

Thanks to the introduction of new scrimshaw kits, the old art of the whalers still can be simulated, and the spirit of America's golden age of whaling recaptured by today's home crafts enthusiasts.

Real scrimshaw is engraved or carved whale's teeth and jawbones, done by seamen aboard American whaling ships in the mid-1800's. The art sprang from the men's need for activity and expression during long periods of boredom between whale sightings.

Spontaneously, without any formal training in the arts, the men scratched out images of their ships at sea and scenes of their adventures with the great whales they hunted, on whatever whale ivory was on hand.

That scrimshaw, painstakingly wrought with sailmending needles and jackknives, forms an historical record of which pieces sell today for anywhere from $100 to $12,000 to private collectors.

President John F. Kennedy was perhaps the most famous collector of scrimshaw. Such was his affection for historical and patriotic examples of the art that a bull whale's tooth, specially scrimshawed with the Seal of the President of the United States, reportedly was buried with him.

When Congress passed the Endangered Species Act in 1971, it sounded a death knell for the practice of scrimshaw.

With whaling ended and the importation of whale ivory forbidden by law, the contemporary scrimshaw artist's medium has been running out rapidly and the scrimshaw art has been headed for oblivion at an equal pace.

Now, however, the Whiting division of Milton Bradley Company has developed inexpensive craft kits with which almost anyone can fashion authentic-looking scrimshaw in just a few hours.

The kits simplify the whalemen's technique, and substitute plastic forms for real whale's teeth. The finished works make unique gifts and display pieces as desk or shelf ornaments, paper weights and book ends.

A predecessor of scrimshaw, the art of engraving cattle horns and using them to carry gunpowder, a practice popular during the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, also has been adapted into contemporary craft kits.

They provide simulated cattle horns and everything else required to create scrimshawed powder horns with engraved western scenes, suitable for hanging.

POSTMARK: SANTA

In Indiana, there is a town named Santa Claus. Its post office becomes a major industry at Christmas when it is besieged with packages from people wanting a Santa Claus postmark.

Pick-me-up

TABLE RADIOS on the Christmas gift scene range in size, shape and purpose. This one, from Zenith, is designed for use as a pick-me-up AM-FM portable or as a table model on its own battery recharger base. Tuning dial lights up when set is on, "blacks out" when off.

The psychology of 'season's greetings'

Your Christmas card may tell more about you than you realize. A card reflects the sender's taste, it may indicate a degree of religious belief, and the cost of the card may also be a clue to personality.

Psychologists say that an executive whose success is recent may feel that an expensive card is more appropriate to his new station while a person of established standing prefers not to be ostentatious and therefore selects a very simple card.

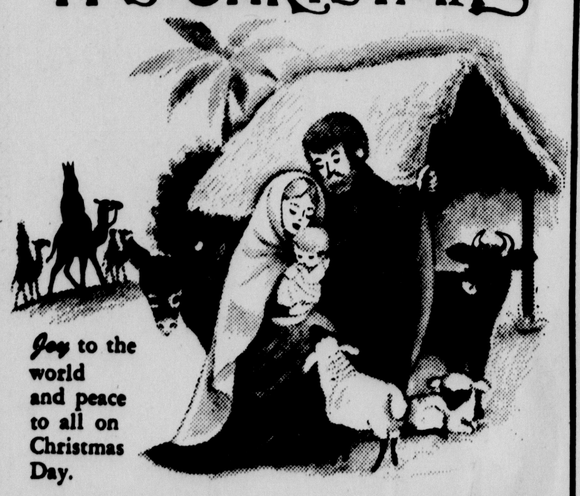
Since Americans send more than 2.5 billion Christmas cards every year — costing from five cents to five dollars apiece — there's a wide range of choice for the sender.

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say
We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!
MALCO Theatres, Inc.
SIKESTON, MO.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS
May the blessings of this joyous season surround you. May your holiday be merry and your happiness enduring.
BOSTON DAIRY CREAM
HIGHWAY 61 NORTH SIKESTON, MO.

We're singing out our warmest wishes to you for a Holiday richly rewarding in good cheer and happiness.
SPEED QUEEN LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANERS
ACROSS FROM BARKETT'S BIG STAR.
MIDTOWNER VILLAGE SIKESTON, MO.

IT'S CHRISTMAS



Joy to the world and peace to all on Christmas Day.

FEDERAL COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE
SIKESTON, MO.

Glad Christmas Tidings
To all, we wish the spiritual rewards that are so much a part of Christmas.
HOPE AUTO ELECTRIC
864 W. MALONE
471-2333

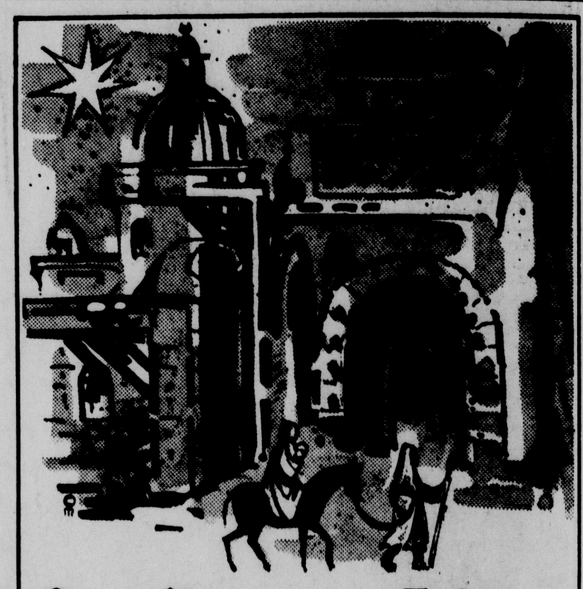
Best wishes for a bright, and merry Christmas
Here, beneath the lamplight's glow,
we gather to joyously sing out, "Hello,"
To you and all those you hold dear,
a holid filled with lots of cheer!
Skinner Welding Shop
2010 Betty Sikeston, Mo.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We want to take this opportunity to thank our patrons for past business
BACIL ROBEY TRUCKING
Bloomfield Missouri

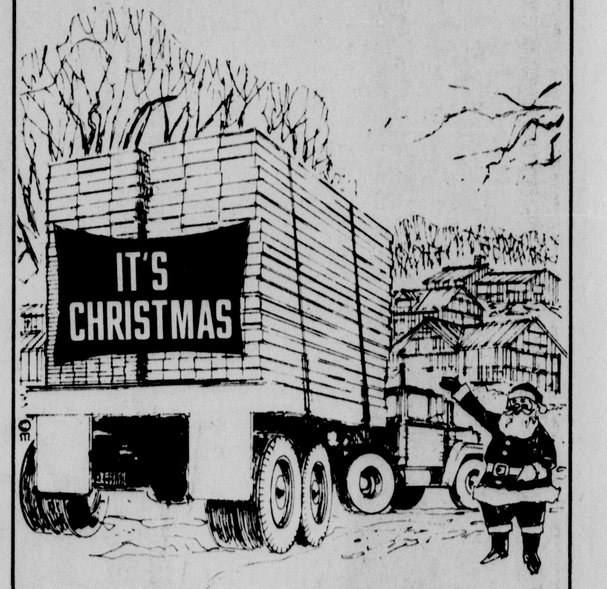
GREETINGS for CHRISTMAS
For the season's festivities — we're putting down a red carpet of good wishes. It's our way of saying "Thanks."
MODERN RUGS- CARPETS- DRAPERIES
819 E. Malone Sikeston, Mo.

Time to wish everyone a very merry Christmas season!
MORLEY FARM SUPPLY
MORLEY, MO.



Glad Christmas Tidings
Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men.
HIGHWAY 62E **PROPST MOBILE HOMES** 471-9296

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say
We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!
MOORE'S UPHOLSTERY
MINER, MO.



CHEERY GREETINGS
We're building a bonanza of holiday wishes for all our friends in the community. Thank you and happy holidays.
Home Owned & Operated
Home Materials Co.
1627 E. Malone 471-1430

Gifts of sight, sound top 'most wanted' Yule lists

Focus on color tv sets for this Christmas features wide range of choice in new models

It wasn't so long ago that the family would wake up early on a Christmas morning, dress hurriedly, and dash outdoors to enjoy a spin in the family gift—a beribboned Packard sitting in the driveway.

Christmas mornings have changed since then. High on the "most wanted" list of gifts for the family now is a color television set. Whether it is the first or second TV set in the home, it is meant to be shared by all. So its screen size should be either 17-, 19-, 23- or 25-inch diagonal—all practical for group viewing.

There are many important reasons to buy a color TV set this season: an advanced Chromacolor picture tube in five different screen sizes; increased picture power; a protective voltage regulating system built into certain solid state color TV sets; new modular vertical chassis, and refinements in ultrasonic remote control, are from Zenith.

There's new eye appeal

Style and design supply new eye appeal in many table models, consoles, and combinations. This new look may involve a cantilever base, A-frame design, and the tilting upward of the TV screen in table models. The choice in fine console cabinets has been broadened.

So, whether the TV viewing area is Mediterranean, Early American or Country French in style, there will be a color TV console to complement it. Contemporary, Ultramodern and Far-Eastern are also fine-furniture style "finds" among the color sets this year.

The small screen black-and-white TV receiver is a handsome gift for the individual — whether it is for Dad's desk, Junior's own room, or Mom in the kitchen. Sets, particularly the 12-inch diagonal ones, now come in colorful cabinets, on swivel-and-tilt bases, and sometimes are complete with an earphone. There is even the Sidekick, from Zenith, that is covered in blue denim and complete with studs and stitching.

The gift of sound

For the gift of sound, there are three-piece portables and modular stereos, plus handsome consoles. Some of the move-abouts have 8-track or cassette tape units in addition to a record changer or a radio. Some have four-channel speaker matrix capabilities.

There are new home-speaker systems, such as Zenith's Allegro, that meet the demands of young America in big design and acoustic performance.

Whether you need a stocking-stuffer or a full-size package for under the tree, you will find a radio for every listening need this Christmas.

For casual AM or AM-FM listening, give a shirtpocket transistor radio or one that's shaped like a billfold or wallet.

Among table-toppers, the clock-radio offers a bevy of services—a wake-up to music or a buzzer alarm, a constant reminder of time on a conventional clock face or by digits, and favorite radio programs with the twist of a dial.

For the outdoorsman, globe trotter, or armchair traveler, there are solid state portable radios with three-, six- or 11-band coverage.

Cassette players/recorders

The college or high school scholar, writer, professional or businessman will be pleased when he unwraps a portable cassette player/recorder on Christmas morning. Using handy drop-in tape cassettes, lectures, memos, "voice letters," case histories or any other sounds and music within range of the unit's microphone can be recorded, played, and stored as long as needed.

There is no limit to the usefulness of these cassette tape carry-abouts.

A COLOR TV SET IS SANTA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT-IDEA for the whole family. This year, there's a host of screen sizes, console, table model and portable cabinetry, and features, from which to choose. Many, like this modern-styled Zenith, are all-solid state in chassis design.

'Three-in-one' is gift for special people

Say it with music. Tell people they are special to you with a gift they will enjoy musically.

A three-piece stereo table radio by Zenith, for example, plays AM, FM, and Stereo FM broadcasts through two compact speaker enclosures. Each one has 10 feet of cord with it so they can be placed just about anywhere in the room for best stereo separation — or put all three units together on a shelf.

The main unit has a high gloss white molded cabinet just under five inches in height. The matching speakers are each under nine inches in height. All three are mounted on a walnut color base.

Called the Avalon, the radio features a dual-channel audio amplification system that is designed to deliver six watts maximum power output. The set provides Stereo FM depth and dimension, as well as low static and excellent fidelity FM and AM reception. A stereo indicator light helps locate stereo signals.

An illuminated slide-rule dial and a large thumb-wheel tuning control help in selecting the desired station easily. Rocker-type switches turn the set on, off, and turns AFC on and off. Loudness, balance, tone functions use slide controls for ease of operation. The mode function uses a lever type control.

The Avalon comes complete with auxiliary input and output jacks.

Greetings of the Holy Season

At Christmas, we wish for you and yours peace, joy, and love. With gratitude and thanks for your loyalty.

SIKESTON MOTOR CO.
SIKESTON, MO.

it's Christmas!

The world is bright and gaily decked . . . Christmas has come. Spend it in joy and in peace.

Compas Alignment Serv.
205 E. MALONE SIKESTON, MO.

Wishing you Joy of the Holiday Season

Season's Greetings

RAMADA INN
OUR RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE WILL CLOSE CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3 P.M. AND ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY IN ORDER FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR FAMILYS

With pride and gratitude for the loyalty you have shown, we extend our sincerest wishes that you and yours enjoy

A Merry Christmas

Malone & Hyde INC.
SIKESTON DIVISION FOOD DISTRIBUTORS
1500 WEST MALONE AVENUE

Santa's sack overflows with handbags and more for her

FOR HOLIDAY GLAMOUR DAY OR NIGHT, the fashionable reptile family. From the new collection of Morris Moskowitz "MM" handbags. Gown by Gino Paoli.

Yule accent

PERFECT ACCENT FOR new holiday clothes . . . and especially the return of the black dress for evening — is a new group of handbags and belts called Melange from the Morris Moskowitz collection for "MM." Gown by Gino Paoli.

FUN TO GIVE OR TO GET. This compact 12-inch diagonal black-and-white TV set swivels and tilts on its own special base so the picture screen directly faces you. There's also instant picture and sound, plus a "private listening" earphone with a 15-foot cord.

CHRISTMAS LESSON

How do you say Christmas in German? Try "Heilige Nacht," which roughly translates into "Holy Night."

FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN

German settlers in Pennsylvania were the first known users of Christmas trees in America as early as 1746. That makes 1973 the 227th anniversary year!

For your Christmas . . . an abundance of wondrous delights.

WESTERN AUTO
ASSOCIATE STORE
128 N. KINGSHIGHWAY
471-3100 SIKESTON, MO.

Presents of compact major appliances do family-size job of pleasing moms

Stuck on gift ideas for the Holiday season? Tired of giving ties and handkerchiefs?

Then why not try something new for a change, suggests Hotpoint. Consider a family gift of a compact appliance — something that will not only make a big splash under the tree, but which will provide useful service for many years to come.

Compact major appliances are a recent innovation. Small in size, but with the features of their full-size counterparts, compacts make it possible for persons who don't have the space or facilities for conventional appliances to nevertheless enjoy the convenience of modern, labor-saving kitchen and laundry products.

No matter where friends might live — apartment or mobile home, city or country—there is a compact appliance that probably fits their lifestyle as well as their available space.

For instance, Hotpoint's space-and-time-saving countertop microwave oven fills a lot of bills. It is perfect for harried housewives to heat up leftovers or prepare snacks for unexpected guests, and teenagers will also quickly discover it for after-school goodies or grabbing a warm bite before that sports event.

For your friends or relatives on the farm, where trash disposal and collection can sometimes be a problem, a trash compactor makes an appropriate gift.

Hotpoint's can be utilized as either a free-standing unit or a built-in, and is just 15 inches wide. It compacts a week's worth of trash for an average family of four into one neat, tidy lift-out bag.

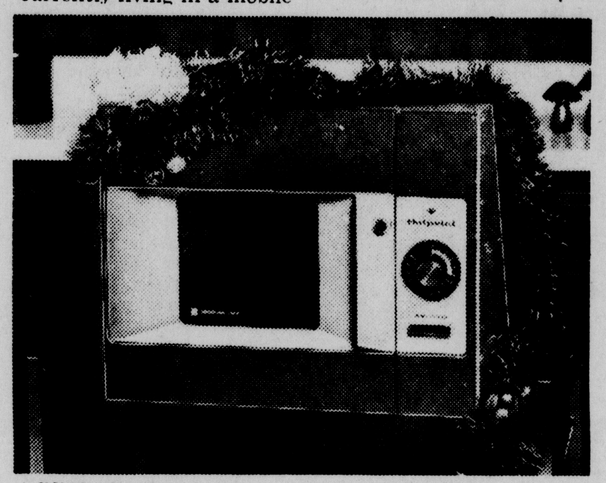
If you know a young couple just starting out and currently living in a mobile home or one built on a slab, a compact laundry center capable of doing full-sized chores is certain to be appreciated. Hotpoint offers a fully automatic washer and companion electric dryer which can be stacked vertically so they take up only four square feet of floor space.

The dryer operates on standard 115-volt current and requires no external venting, while the washer rolls to the sink for hookup like a portable dishwasher.

Want to help someone fight inflation? Hotpoint has a compact chest freezer for storage of in-season and supermarket specials. It's only countertop height, and makes sense even in a small apartment.

A dishwasher, of course, is always a sure-fire way to score points with the homemaker, and a new top-loading compact portable is bound to be a welcome addition to the kitchen of anyone who is presently doing the meal clean-up chores by hand.

Sensibly priced to fit most budgets — most of these mini models retail under $200 — compact appliances once again prove that the best presents come in small packages.



A REAL SPACE and time saver, Hotpoint's RE910 microwave oven heats up meals or snacks in just minutes.

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

LAMBERTS CAFE
HWY. 61 S. SIKESTON

MARKS FOOD MART
HIWAY 61 NORTH AT SMITH ST.
SIKESTON, MISSOURI

A pet for Christmas?

A puppy is a Christmas gift that can bring joy, a headache, or heartache, depending on the family involved — and the dog. Today's lovable little ball of fur can turn into tomorrow's household delight if the buyer knows what he is doing.

There is the dog's disposition to be considered. All thoroughbreds have predictable characteristics. Some breeds are more likely than others to take an intense dislike to the mailman; others are almost sure to dig in the garden; some breeds are howlers; a few varieties are difficult if not impossible to housebreak.

In a cross-breed, the dog owner cannot be so certain of characteristics. Often the sire is of unknown origin.

As the number of different breeds in the ancestry increases, so does the inability to predict what the dog will be like in disposition, size, and adaptability.

Most Christmas puppies will be bought for children, many of whom may not be old enough to know how to treat a dog.

One breeder refuses to sell to families with very young children because he says that the puppy has to take too much mauling. "If the dog snaps to defend himself, it's always the dog that gets the blame."

The welcome gift becomes a cause of heartbreak when a family finds that it has to give up a now-beloved pet that they cannot keep. The watchword is — give carefully when it comes to pets.

Greetings

Carolers singing out the glad tidings. They add to the season's joy, rekindle traditions. We join them to greet the season with warm fellowship.

OKLAHOMA TIRE & SUPPLY CO.
138 FRONT STREET
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Antique styling adds a nostalgic note to home version of popular game

The wave of nostalgia which has brought back recording hits of the '50's and clothing fashions of the '20's has also hit the recreation industry.

Even Brunswick, the oldest manufacturer of billiard tables in the United States, has been caught up in the craze.

The company introduced one antique style table, the Heritage, a year ago. Demand proved so great that another antique table, the Monarch, was introduced this year.

These two tables harken back to tables manufactured by the company in the late 19th and early 20th century when no gentleman's mansion could be considered quite perfect unless it could boast a billiard table.

Today billiards—popularly called "Pool" — is played by more than 20 million Americans every year. Many play in commercial billiard establishments but an increasing number play billiards in their own homes with the pocket version, the overwhelming favorite.

The origin of the game played by so many people is shrouded in the mists of time.

Shakespeare would have us believe that Antony and Cleopatra played billiards in 400 B.C.

A letter written by a traveler in Greece in 400 B.C. described a game very much like billiards.

The Knights Templar, according to one account, brought the game to Europe upon their return from the first Crusade.

NOSTALGIA HAS HIT the billiard industry. Brunswick, the oldest billiard table manufacturer in the United States, sold one antique model table last year. To meet rising demand, the company introduced a second antique style table, the Monarch, this year. Photo courtesy of Brunswick.

The game disappeared after they were overthrown, but reappeared in France during the rule of Louis XI.

Billiards found favor in the French Court and later in Great Britain when the game crossed the English Channel.

Billiards at the time did not resemble the game we play today. Although there were several versions, one popular version was played on a table containing three pockets and a hole in the center. It did not have cushions and was played with two or three balls.

The game found its way to America in 1592 when the Spanish explorer De Soto founded St. Augustine, Florida.

Billiards became popular with the colonists. A number of the founding fathers, including Alexander Hamilton and George Washington, were enthusiasts of the game.

The game reached its current stage of development in the middle of the 19th century with the introduction of marble and slate table beds, rubber cushions and leather tips for cue sticks.

Despite its popularity in this country, it was not until 1845 when the first billiard table was manufactured in the United States. That table was made by John Brunswick, founder of what is now the Brunswick Corporation.

The game flourished in this country to become the popular sport it is today.

Stocking stuffer

A new set of batteries for the transistor set "to put new life in your listening" is worth considering as a stocking stuffer gift. Choose the best of the long-lasting batteries and be sure you get the right sizes for the right model.

Impress your executive with cassette recorder saying Merry Christmas

Think how impressed your favorite executive will be when he unwraps this handsome portable black and silver cassette recorder and finds you've pushed the "record" button to tape a few words with a special holiday message, just for him, on the tape cassette that comes with the machine.

A cassette tape recorder is so easy to use. The six push button controls are clearly marked. Putting in a new cassette is as simple as dropping a film cartridge into a pocket camera.

Try it out and you'll find the portable tape recorder is an exciting product to use.

Tape pals

When you send your executive Christmas message, it may start a correspondence on tape if he in turn records a thank-you message and sends you the cassette. Then you'll need your own cassette recorder!

This portable recorder/player has new 1974 features and true quality. The sensitive microphone on the General Electric model #M8460 is built into the machine. This means no-hands recording, even from across the room.

Review-preview

There's a review-preview feature that lets you quickly find a recorded area of the tape, by sound. The program index counter shows you, visually, exactly where the recorded message is on the tape, so you can find it again.

There's an attached plug-in cord, for desk-top use. An optional accessory is an auto/boat cigarette lighter adapter. The cord can be stored inside the machine; use six "C" size batteries and go portable in high style. There's even room inside to store three tape cassettes.

Tell him "Merry Christmas" with this GE tape recorder and let the message come across.

DUTCH GREAT GREAT UNCLES

The original Dutch settlers in New York (then, New Amsterdam) named their first church after Saint Nicholas.

GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

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May you have a wonderful Christmas, bright with happiness and joy.

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A Christmas vacation

You've earned it . . . you deserve it and it makes a very fine Christmas present — family vacation. There's good logic behind a family vacation as a Christmas present.

It's something everyone can enjoy, there's no worry about exchanging it for the right size and it's very much in style.

On the more serious side, chances are the children are on vacation from school, the older ones might be home from college and the entire family is together — an opportune time to vacation.

If you don't want to be on the road for the holiday itself there is always the week between Christmas and New Years.

The vacation should be viewed as a gift thought from the family to the family and that means that everyone should play a role in the plannings as well as the financing.

Attractive hair becomes gift of crowning glory

Sprucing up the house for the holidays is a traditional early-December job, but as the Christmas deadline gets nearer you may find the appearance of the house improving as your own looks steadily decline.

The pre-holiday pitch of activity can be responsible for anyone looking frazzled. Wise homemakers know this — and determinedly keep a beauty-care time slot inserted into their busy days.

Your hair will, as usual, be the focal point of much attention during the holidays. From the moment the Christmas sprig of mistletoe dangles an inch above it to the minute the New Year's Eve balloons descend, your hair keynotes your whole holiday appearance.

Bouncy, shiny-clean hair is the perfect finishing touch to all your holiday fashions. Lank, limp, greasy hair is a handicap even the most festive clothes can't overcome.

Begin your holiday hair care plan several weeks before the Big Day. Since cleanliness is the basis of hair health and hair style, schedule frequent shampoos.

Two or three times a week is not too often to wash your hair. Shampooing is good for the hair and neglected hair often benefits *most* from simple cleanliness.

Use a gentle, thorough shampoo such as Prell Concentrate. Unlike some shampoos which coat the hair with additives, Prell rinses out completely, leaving hair glossy and clean.

If you're traveling during these holidays, the Prell tube is the most convenient way to carry shampoo, too.

Take a critical look at your haircut. If your hair seems shaggy or unkempt, now is the time to consider a cut or trim. If you think one of the new smoother hair styles would be becoming, talk to your beautician about this.

He can show you how the finished style would look and how to maintain the cut with the new wash-and-blow-dry techniques. The look is adaptable to all age groups and spares you the pincurl-and-roller hassle.

In short, give yourself a gift of beauty this Christmas — one your whole family can share — and make sure your crowning glory is just that.

A pretty woman with beautiful hair may be the most decorative ornament in any Christmas home.

Let's wrap up this Christmas early. Lay away a gift a day.

Portables popular as Christmas gifts

Your family and friends *can* take it with them this Christmas.

Advanced technology, including solid state devices, has made possible a world of "carry-about" entertainers—television sets, phonographs, radios, and cassette player/recorders.

The small screen 16- and 17-inch diagonal color TV sets can go from room to room. Larger screen "move-about" receivers can be placed on carts to take color TV viewing to more than one home location.

This year's black-and-white TV comes in a kaleidoscope of sizes and shapes. New designs make them fashionable in many surroundings. For example, Zenith is now offering 19-inch diagonal portables with A-line styling and a modern cantilevered base. Cabinets are grained or solid colors.

Small screen tv

If a young member of your family yearns for a TV of his own for Christmas, a small screen portable with a 12-inch diagonal screen is a suggestion. Here, too, colorful cabinets highlight this year's designs.

There is even a four-speaker stereo phonograph that is portable. Its speaker matrix sound system gives you four dimensional sound and plays attached or separated from the main cabinet. All in all, it's a compact solid state package.

Trim-line cabinetry highlights other portable monophonic and stereophonic phonographs. There are battery-operated phonographs and radio-phonographs with recessed carry handles. These go anywhere and play anywhere — for the young "go group."

Hip pocket models

There are transistor portable radios on the market that can be carried in the shirt or hip pocket, hung from the wrist on a strap, or carried comfortably in the hand. Bright colors and crisp cabinet designs make these small radios eye-catching Christmas gifts.

Almost any man or woman on the go will be delighted with a portable cassette tape player/recorder. Battery-powered units come in compact packages useful in a schoolroom, college lecture hall, at home, in the office, or even on a mountaintop.

FIVE DIFFERENT GIFT IDEAS

CARRY-ABOUTS FOR CHRISTMAS. These five different Christmas gift-ideas all entertain electronically. Top shelf, left to right: a solid state AM-FM portable radio provides rich, full sound even outdoors. Monophonic portable solid state cassette player/recorder with special microphone that locks away in unit for total portability. Middle shelf: monophonic portable phonograph plays anywhere on batteries, on AC indoors; blue denim 12-inch diagonal black-and-white TV set. Below: AC powered solid state stereophonic portable phonograph with detachable speaker units, diamond LP stylus. From Zenith.

Small packages hold gift of big sound

Looking for ideas for stocking stuffers? A miniature AM-FM transistor portable radio is a "special" little package for the stocking that tells whomever you give it to that you care.

Many of these personal-sized radios have features found on larger radios.

Zenith's Royal E20 has precision vernier tuning, 10 transistors, automatic gain control on AM to smooth out variations in different signal strengths while tuning from station to station, and a telescoping antenna.

The Royal E20 weighs only 12 oz. with batteries and comes in a choice of two colors — white or orange. The sturdy polystyrene case has a textured finish that keeps its good looks for years.

Rechargeable model

Also available is a rechargeable AM-FM 10-transistor portable radio, the Royal E27Y, that only weighs two ounces over one pound, including the three "AA" nickel-cadmium batteries. A special recharger stand included with the set has a safety device to prevent overcharging. A unique feature of this model is the circular tuning dial that can only be read when the set is turned on.

Whether listening to music, news, sports, or talk programs, the miniature portable transistor radio is perfect for that little extra gift you are always looking for at the last minute.

SWEET SOUND in a small package. Ideal for "topping out" that Christmas gift stocking is the AM/FM portable transistor radio. This one, from Zenith, is complete with earphone attachment, carry strap and battery.

The small size of the radio makes it perfect as a shirt-pocket portable to take along in pocket or purse to picnics, baseball games, while bicycling, or simply taking a walk.

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8-track cartridge tape equipment popular for gifting music lover

The most popular item in audio entertainment this year is 8-track cartridge tape equipment.

Because of this, 8-track units are built-in on many modular and console stereo instruments.

Some 8-track units just play back pre-recorded cartridges. Others are both players and recorders, so that home recordings in stereo may be produced. The player/recorders can be connected directly to practically all modular and console stereo systems for recording via patch cords, or where the 8-track is built in the same cabinet, it may be used to record from the radio, phonograph or tape sections of these systems without any patch cords. In addition, these units usually come complete with two microphones to record "live."

The popular way

Zenith Radio has 8-track tape units built into 11 modular and console stereo instruments. A popular way to start enjoying 8-track tapes for someone who does not have an expensive collection of record discs is a three-piece modular stereo unit with built-in 8-track and AM-FM-Stereo FM radio.

These are less expensive than one that also has a phonograph included, and later the person who receives a gift such as this may purchase a record changer to plug into the system.

All of Zenith's modular stereo units and most of the console stereo instruments with 8-track units built-in use the new Zenith Allegro Speaker System. This new Zenith system uses speaker enclosures with tuned ports that vent out the front (in modulars) or rear (in consoles) to extend the low frequency bass response.

The Allegro Speaker System is so efficient in sound reproduction that a 60-watt Allegro system delivers sound performance equal to that of a 120-watt system equipped with air-suspension speakers of comparable size.

Exciting gift

A modular stereo set is one of the most exciting gifts one can get for Christmas, because of the flexibility it offers in terms of optional add-ons which can be purchased later. Stereo headphones can be used with all Zenith modulars for private listening. In addition they all can be converted to play back discrete four-channel tapes with the addition of a four-channel adapter, two extra speakers, and a 2/4 channel 8-track player available as an extra cost option.

Cassettes are another way to go in tape, and units designed to play back and record these are also built into modular stereo instruments. They are also offered as separate units that operate from batteries for full portability.

Christmas music just seems to sound better when it is played on a new Zenith modular or console stereo unit.

Inward Christmas glow outshine exterior glitter

by Grace M. Stanistreet

As the holidays approach, think back on the shine and glow of the many Christmases past — each one different and special in its own way. But how much glow is there in Christmas for our children today and just what is it that makes it glow?

There is a lot of glitter, but glitter is dependent on a switch. Turn on the switch — it goes, but shine is lasting like the radiance of a star.

Don't misunderstand, it is not being suggested here that we go back to the "good old days." But our children should know the joy and shine of Christmas for their memory banks.

It's not that our children should change. They're great. Of course they're different from the children of generations past. They know more. They can explain the rain and what's electricity, and where babies come from. But their needs are the same as the children of all times. They need assurance of love, they need to be praised, they need the chance to do — to make. They need to have "secrets" and Christmas is wonderful "secret" time!

What can we do to make the holiday a way of answering these needs? Certainly not by turning back the clock, nor substituting the radio for the T.V. or unfreezing the freezer, not to take away, but to endow what we have with the extra special quality that we've somehow lost.

We've swamped children with Christmas instead of helping them find it for themselves.

Would it be possible for the family together to make some rules (children love rules — especially making them) for the celebration of the holiday? And then to print and decorate them to hang on a wall?

Could the children make scads of cookies and candies to be shared with friends, neighbors, lonely people anywhere?

Would it be possible to add to the tree some handmade decorations signed and dated by each member of the family worthy enough to be kept carefully from year to year? ("Little Ed made this when he was 6 and this, when he was 8").

Would it be possible that along with store-bought gifts would come a declaration of love or admiration. Perhaps it could be a rhyme — carefully written and read aloud, and the gift itself wrapped in a way to suggest the gift inside?

And instead of ripping packages open, it would be ritual to take turns, so each gift could be seen, heard and enjoyed by all. And after the gifts, a Christmas story, followed by caroling. And all the time the T.V. would be dark and candles burning.

Somehow we've taken Christmas away from children. Perhaps it would be a good idea to make it a wonderful secret again and let them find it out for themselves.

(Dr. Stanistreet is Educational Consultant for the Children's Centre for Creative Arts, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York.)

Reflecting on priceless presents

Sadly, the true meaning of Christmas has been lost somewhere between "Peace on Earth," "Good Will Toward Men," and "If the Johnsons spend $75.00 for our gift, we'll have to spend that much for theirs, although heaven knows where we'll find the money."

Jesus knew little of Phase 4 and price ceilings, and the wise men weren't known as such because they could spot a gift that looked like it cost $100, when it really cost them $6.95.

The true "gifts" are indeed priceless . . . "Love" marked down — must sell for $25.00. "Friendship" — I'll be your chum for $15.00 a day . . . now there's a bargain that the gift-grabbers will spot and line up for long before the seller opens his heart.

"Loneliness," no thanks we've had plenty of that all year . . . too depressing at Christmas time. Solve it with a tie, not your standard 4½" silk rep, but the other kind: a bond between people.

And so, when you hear them say Christmas is for giving and for getting, make your neighbor understand its real meaning: "forgiving" and "forgetting," and that's one gift not found in your local chic boutique. When was the last pre-Christmas sale held in a manger?

REAL THING

Although artificial trees are gaining in popularity, they still trail the real thing considerably.

Digital clocks boast solid state chassis

Zenith's digital clock radios have an all solid state chassis and a sleep switch for turning the radio off up to one hour after it is set. This timer feature allows the person who gets to sleep slowly to listen to soft music for some time before being "lulled" asleep. All the company's AM-FM models have automatic frequency control on FM for "drift-free" tuning.

CHRISTMAS POPULATIONS

There are five communities in the United States. There is a "Christmas" in Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

WHAT'S SO NEW THAT YOU COULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT ONE LAST CHRISTMAS?

The sounds of Christmas this year include a lot of excitement over brand-new products. Among them television sound in an FM/AM portable radio and four-channel music system that not only plays tapes and records but has an FM/AM radio that can receive four-channel radio broadcasts.

Then, too, there is a cassette tape recorder player that's executive-looking but push-button easy to use and has its microphone built right in.

Product excitement includes color. Stereo modules in gleaming blue or white or green. Phono-viewers in cheerful red and white.

A portable radio with an orange band indicator, and blue lighted digital time readout in an electronic clock radio.

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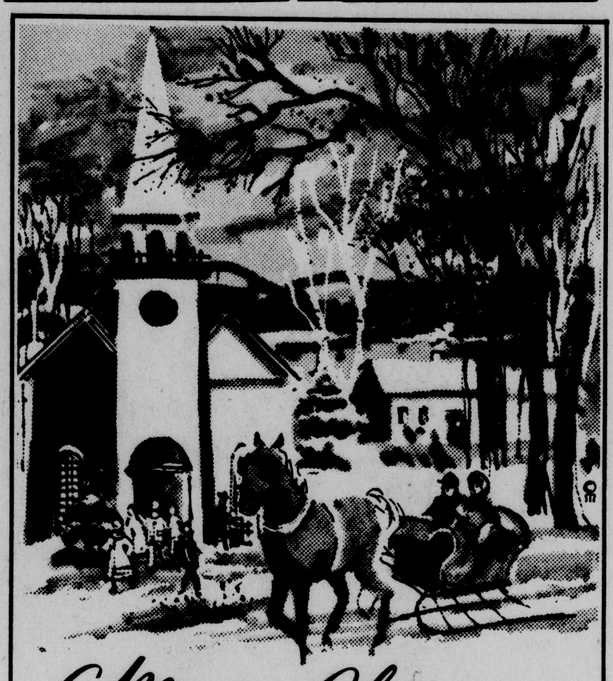

Merry Christmas
To the Christmas season, we say, "Welcome!" To our good friends and patrons, we say, "Thanks and the best of everything always!"
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Glad Christmas Tidings
Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men.
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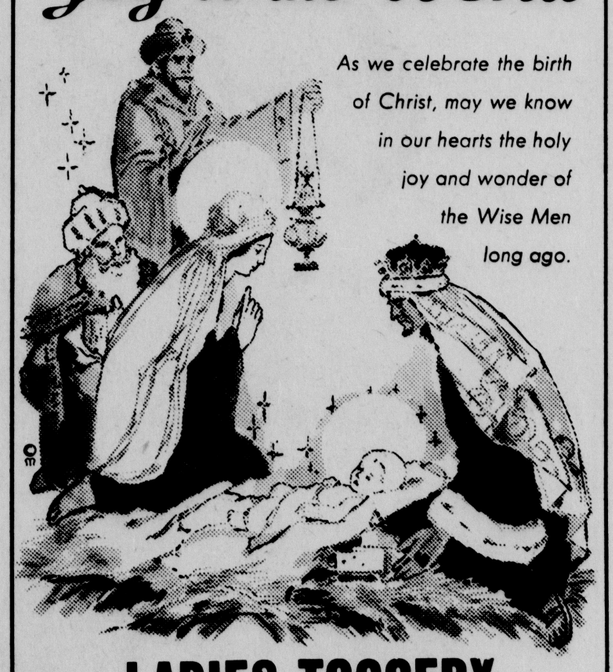
Joy to the World
As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may we know in our hearts the holy joy and wonder of the Wise Men long ago.



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Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.

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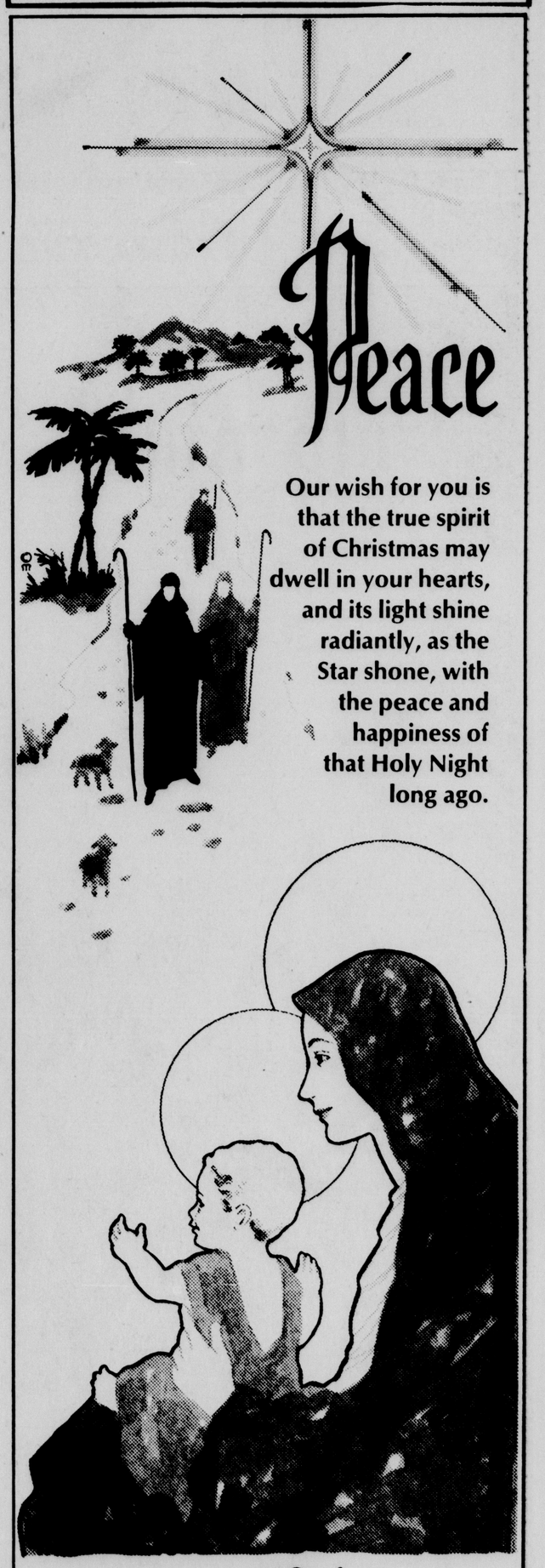

Our wish for you is that the true spirit of Christmas may dwell in your hearts, and its light shine radiantly, as the Star shone, with the peace and happiness of that Holy Night long ago.

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Rediscover Christmas with shared traditions, direct family efforts toward conservation

BORED BY COMMERCIAL CARDS? . . . then make your own! Let children make their own colorful, collage Christmas cards by using roughly-torn shapes torn or cut from translucent, colored tissue paper. Let them experiment with interesting color-over-color effects, gluing paper down with a thin coat of Elmer's Glue-All or Elmer's Washable School Glue. Glaze made by brushing Elmer's over the finished picture creates the shining, translucent effect. Hint: when gluing paper, try to spread Elmer's evenly, not too thickly.

By
CAROL ANNE MUELLER
Metro Newspaper Service

"'Twas the night before Christmas" . . . and, once upon a time, 'twas a time for family togetherness, for close friends to visit, for hot cider and tradition-filled tree-trimming parties, when children made their own decorations, and cries of "Pass the Elmer's!" were heard through the house.

Of late, however, too often the "night before Christmas" is merely the night when last-minute shoppers are caught in the blind stampede for the last size 12 robe on the rack, the first of the ½ price sales on semi-melted chocolate decorations, the last lonely tree in the lot.

The soft glow of candlelight has been replaced by the glare of electric bulbs, the serenity of the Christmas carol drowned under the noise of "Santa-rock" swelling through every department store.

With today's trend toward nostalgia, however (in music, fashion, theater, movies), comes an awareness of what has been rapidly fading from our celebration of this tender holiday.

In the mad rush to outdo the Jones' presents, the Smiths' Christmas lights and the Browns' outdoor speaker system blaring "Merry Christmas, ho, ho, ho," we have almost lost the *meaning* of Christmas.

Christmas is for sharing: of affection, of caring, of love and brotherhood. Christmas is for filling the house with tenderness togetherness, cooperation and creation . . . for a sharing of energies and efforts.

Why not try to make this Christmas different from those past, by getting everyone in the family involved. Create your own Christmas present to the rest of the world, by conserving, re-using, recycling, rather than wasting as has been the style of late.

The Borden Company has, in this light, published two family craft booklets, for Christmas and year-round, with suggestions for making things out of what you have, rather than buying something new.

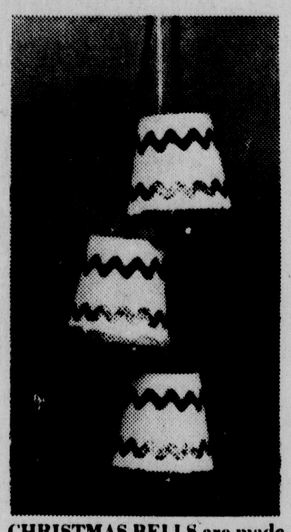
Christmas suggestions include tree-trim ideas, home decorations, cards and gift ideas. All can be made easily with everyday household items and Elmer's Glue-All, for a real, old-fashioned, home-grown celebration.

Both "Elmer's Fun Craft Idea Book" and "Christmas Creativity" are available at 25 cents each, by writing to: Elmer's, Box 266, Dept. P, Medina, Ohio 44256.

Thoughtful gift

Rapidly becoming a must in all well-equipped homes for quick access to information on why suddenly the house may have been plunged into darkness, is a modern battery transistor radio.

Outside power may fail. But the battery operated transistor radios will operate; which suggests a thoughtful gift, especially for the older folks.



CHRISTMAS BELLS are made from disposable drinking cups. Decorate with ric-rac trim and glue glitter to rims with Elmer's. For clappers use two small ornaments or jingle bells on lengths of knotted yarn strung through holes in top of ball. Tie the yarns together in a bow and hang in a doorway for a melodious season's greetings to visitors.

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12 hurt in 7 SeMo accidents

Twelve persons were injured, two seriously, in seven traffic accidents Saturday in Southeast Missouri, according to the highway patrol.

An Arkansas truck driver received serious injuries at 6:50 a.m. when his tractor trailer rig ran off the right side of the road into a 12-foot - deep drainage ditch.

The patrol said James Maudlin, 43, of Conway, Ark. fell asleep at the wheel while traveling on Interstate 55 one-half mile north of the Arkansas state line. He was taken to Chickasawba Hospital in Blytheville, Ark.

Joann Oliver 28, of Rector, Ark. was slightly injured at 9:40 a.m. on Highway 25, two miles north of Kennett, when the car in which she was riding stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by a car driven by Rexie Featherston, 59, of Piggott, Ark.

Driver of the Oliver car, Steven Oliver, 23, of Rector, Ark. was not injured. Mrs. Oliver was not hospitalized.

A Sikeston boy received minor injuries in an accident at 2:10 p.m. two miles east of Granite City on Highway 61.

The accident occurred when Kenneth Joe Parker Sr., 34, of Sikeston lost control of his pickup truck on the ice- covered road, skidded into a ditch and struck a tree.

Stanford Keith Parker, 14, a passenger, was taken to Missouri Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston.

Four persons were slightly injured in an accident at 3:28 p.m. on Interstate 55 at Fruitland.

The accident happened when a car driven by Steven Craig Solomon, 24, of Memphis went out of control on slick pavement and struck a bridge.

Solomon and passengers, Dan Skravaneil, 28, Clifford Harmon, 21, and Vincent Skorupski, 24, all of Memphis, were taken to St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

An accident at 4:20 p.m. at the intersection of Highways 61 and 64 at Steele resulted in serious injuries to Terry Lee Hirons, 28, of Memphis.

The accident occurred when an eastbound car driven by Preston Hawkins, 41, of Blytheville pulled into the path of the Hirons car, driven by Vickie Hirons, 20, of Memphis.

Hirons was taken to Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital in Hayti.

Wesley Edison Dunivan, 42, of Advance and a passenger, Stewart Dunivan, 8, of Advance were injured at 8:40 p.m. when Dunivan stopped to make a left turn off Highway 25 two miles east of Advance and was rammed from behind by a pickup truck driven by Amos Hilman Coplin, 41, of Advance.

Dunivan was taken to Dexter Memorial Hospital and young Dunivan was taken to Advance Clinic.

Two persons were injured in an accident at 9:30 p.m. on Highway 67 at Neelyville.

The accident occurred when a northbound pickup truck driven by Carl Brake, 53, of Neelyville crossed the center line and collided with a southbound car driven by George Harguess, 31, of Highland, Ind.

Barbara Harguess, 31, wife of the driver, Cindy Harguess 6, received minor injuries and were taken to Doctors Hospital in Poplar Bluff.

Stolen car is recovered

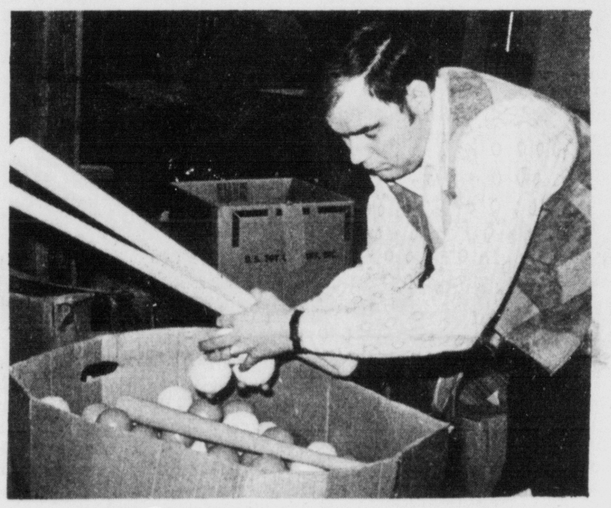
Sikeston police recovered a stolen car belonging to Mrs. Verna Patterson of New Madrid at 7:34 p.m. Sunday at Clayton Park.

Mrs. Patterson told police the car was taken at 10 a.m. Saturday from the IGA Foodliner parking lot in New Madrid.

Elks distribute food

Joe Baker, left, Howard Gipson, center, and Exalted Ruler, Fred Lashmet were among Sikeston Elks Club members who distributed food packages Sunday to needy families in the Sikeston area. The boxes contained chicken, bread, fruit, milk, potatoes, vegetables and several other food items.

(Daily Standard photo by Tim Ludwig)



Jaycees add toys

Carl Merideth, chairman of the Jaycee Tree of Lights project, prepares boxes of toys, candy, oranges and apples for needy children in the Sikeston area. The boxes are to be distributed today.

(Daily Standard photo by Pat Grojean)

Police probe burglary and assault try

Police are investigating a burglary at Lindsey's M&H, 863 W. Malone Ave., early Saturday morning in which 37 assorted cartons of cigarettes, a large quantity of liquor and a small amount of change were taken.

John Summers of Canalou told police he went to the store Saturday morning to purchase some cigars, found the front door glass broken out and phoned owner Larry Lindsey.

Cindy Brown, 213 Felker St., reported to police that a man forced his way into her home Saturday and attempted to assault her.

She told police the man pulled off his coat and grabbed her but left after she told him to leave her alone.

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Holiday greeted in uncertainty

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christians today prepared to celebrate Christmas as best they can despite shortages of gasoline, heating oil and electricity, an uncertain economic outlook and the threat of terrorist attacks in some areas.

In Bethlehem, the little town where Christmas began with the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago, merchants prepared for the annual influx of pilgrims for midright mass in the Church of the Nativity.

But the general prediction was for fewer than last year's poor turnout of 5,000 because of the October war and the Palestinian terrorist attack in Rome and Athens last week.

"This is the worst Christmas in years," said one burly souvenir shop owner. "We sometimes get more tourists in midsummer."

From Tokyo to Paris and Berlin shoppers scurried to complete their last minute shopping with stores generally reporting increased sales despite the past year's inflation. Some store managers in Europe and the United States noted, however, that expensive items were not selling as well as usual.

For Americans and most Europeans it was a dimmer holiday because of the oil shortage. The Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center in New York had fewer lights this year and the giant tree in front of the city hall in Copenhagen had no lights.

The fuel shortage also kept a lot of Americans home this year as most gas stations were closed Sunday and planned to shut Christmas Day.

In Europe, several governments suspended the Sunday driving ban. Motorists in Italy, France and West Germany took to the highways in record numbers and Alpine ski resorts reported heavy bookings. Many persons in West Berlin prepared presents for relatives they will visit for the second Christmas in a row in East Berlin.

Pope Paul VI was breaking tradition by celebrating Christmas Eve midnight mass before thousands in St. Peter's Basilica. For the past 26 years the papal Christmas Eve mass was held in the Sistine Chapel for diplomats accredited to the Holy See.

United Nations peacekeeping troops along the Suez cease-fire line will be eating traditional roast turkey and holiday pudding, but Lt. John Byrne from Ireland commented:

"It's hard to feel the holiday spirit out here, wedged between two armies. It would be nice to see both sides come out of their positions and shake hands on Christmas ... but that could never happen here. The Jews and the Arabs don't believe in Christmas. It's out of place here."

Energy shortages dimmed the holiday lights in Japan and toys were more costly. Stores were jammed, but merchants estimated an increase in sales of only about 20 per cent over Christmas 1972, due largely to price increases.

In America the tradition of helping those less fortunate at Christmas time appeared not to have died away this year.

Burn victim is hospitalized

CARUTHERSVILLE-- Clyde Culp of Memphis, Tenn., formerly of the Caruthersville area, is in the intensive care unit of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis suffering from burns received early Sunday morning near Caruthersville.

The Pemiscot County sheriff's department today said Culp was found about 3:30 a.m. in his car, parked in front of the Chaparral Lounge, with burns on the upper part of his body. Culp was taken to Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital in Hayti and then transferred to Memphis.

Funds certified for R-1 district

WASHINGTON, D. C. — U. S. Rep. Bill D. Burlison of Missouri's 10th Congressional District today announced the certification for payment by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare of $9,613.01 to Illmo- Scott City R-1 school district in Scott City.

Rep. Burlison said funds were made available through Title I of Public Law 874, as amended and approved by the Congress.

The law is also known as the disaster program for federally affected areas, he said.

Christmas items stolen

ESSEX — Christmas packages and two $100 bills were taken in a break- in Sunday at the Bob Jackson home south of Essex, near the Frisco community.

According to the Stoddard County sheriff's department which is investigating, the break- in occurred sometime between 5 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

It's inside...

Columnist Ann Landers has a special Christmas message to the public. Turn to ... page 4.

The Rev. John H. Walker of Bloomfield has been asked to serve as a member of Gov. Bond's Advisory Council on Aging. Turn to ... page 3.

Holiday basketball tournament action will pick up Wednesday with the opening of Cape Girardeau and Flat River events and continuation of the Bloomfield classic. Turn to ... page 9 and 10.

...and outside

Partly cloudy tonight; low 35 to 40; winds southwesterly 12 to 18 mph; Tuesday partly sunny; high in 40s.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Chance of rain Wednesday; low in 30s, high in 40s. Low in the 20s, high in the 40s Thursday. Friday fair; low 28 to 35; high in the 40s.

HIGHS AND LOWS

High and low temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday were 20 and 5 degrees. Extremes for the period ending at 7 a.m. Sunday were 39 and 18. For the period ending at 7 a.m. today, the high was 49, the low 24 and rain measured .56 inch.

Sunset today ..... 4:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow...7:10 a.m.
Moonset today ..... 5:01 p.m.
First Quarter ..... Jan. 1

This week, the gap between Venus and Jupiter will not change as Venus is now moving eastward at the same rate as Jupiter. Venus, the brighter planet, sets --- 7:22 p.m. and is followed by Jupiter.

4 off-campus college courses to be offered

Four off- campus classes will be offered at Sikeston High School by Southeast Missouri State University during the 1974 spring semester if at least 17 students enroll.

All inquiries should be directed to Dr. Willard J. Morgan at the university in Cape Girardeau. The telephone number is 314-334-8211, extension 254.

Enrollment will be at Sikeston High School cafeteria at 6 p.m. Jan. 10.

Classes are:

Psychology of learning, three credit hours, undergraduate and graduate, Dr. Wallace W. Rexroad, instructor, first class session Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

Psychology of the exceptional child, three hours credit, undergraduate and graduate, Dr. K. Richard Blankenship, instructor, first session Jan. 16 at 6 p.m.

Administration and supervision of business education, two credit hours, graduate only, Dr. Orville A. Riggs, instructor first session Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

History of American education, three credit hours, graduate only, Dr. Floyd K. Wright, instructor, first session, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Weather Review

Weather observations are for the 24- hour periods ending at 7 a.m. daily.

	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 17	29	18	.00
Dec. 18	43	28	.01
Dec. 19	44	24	1.05
Dec. 20	26	4	.00
Dec. 21	20	5	.00
Dec. 22	39	18	.00
Dec. 23	49	24	.56
Rainfall for the week			1.62
Rainfall for the month			3.02
Rainfall for the year			56.54

	'70	'71	'72	'73
Jan.	.96	4.01	2.36	5.22
Feb.	2.66	6.81	5.48	1.67
Mar.	5.92	1.68	2.70	8.64
Apr.	8.39	2.34	6.42	7.98
May	2.97	3.68	2.42	6.40
June	8.61	7.70	1.92	3.14
July	2.18	5.05	7.27	2.81
Aug.	3.42	5.32	3.41	3.08
Sept.	4.97	4.74	5.40	3.01
Oct.	5.04	1.71	7.39	3.36
Nov.	2.26	2.54	5.95	8.19
Dec.	3.87	4.20	5.38	
	53.18	49.78	56.20	

No Standard on Christmas

The Daily Standard will not be published Tuesday, Christmas Day. The management and staff wish to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a merry Christmas.

Trains use less fuel

Fuel economy doesn't only refer to price. Trains carry cargo at a fuel consumption rate four times less that that of highway trucks. Highway vehicles— trucks, cars and buses— use 75 per cent of transportation energy.

(Daily Standard photos by Tim Ludwig)

The energy crunch -- Part 10:

Transportation uses 4th of U.S. energy

By PAT GROJEAN

Slightly more than one-quarter of the energy in the United States is consumed by various modes of transportation, such as automobiles, trucks, buses, railroads, aircraft, agricultural vehicles, ships and boats. Although this is not the largest single category of energy consumption, it is one of the most vital to the country.

The Citizens Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality reports that, between 1950 and 1973, transportation's requirements from the energy market increased by 84 per cent.

Efficiency in the use of energy has not increased during this growth. The committee reports decreases in efficiency can be attributed to a shift to less energy- efficient transport modes, a decline in the energy efficiency of the individual transportation modes used and an increase in traffic congestion.

"Some studies have shown that it requires four times as much energy to get a person from his home to his office by car as by bus, nine times as much to move a passenger by plane as by high- speed train and four times as much to carry cargo by truck as by rail," the committee reports in its booklet, "Citizen Action Guide to Energy Conservation."

Highway vehicles, such as cars, trucks and buses, consume 75 per cent of the transportation energy, while aircraft use only about 10 per cent. The transportation industry relies heavily on gasoline and other petroleum products for fuel.

The United States has approximately 5.7 per cent of the world's population, but 46.1 per cent of the world's automobiles. The average car consumes 772 gallons of gasoline a year, which is 13.3 miles per gallon. Many cars consume much more gasoline than that, especially the larger cars.

Since the automobile is such a large consumer of energy, the next few articles in this series will deal with ways to conserve fuel through use of the automobile.

Since the 1920s, the population of the United States has doubled, while the number of cars grew 800 per cent, according to Robert L. Sansom, assistant administrator for the air and water program of the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D. C.

Fuel economy has suffered in recent years, due to added weight, stemming mainly from government-mandated equipment additions, new systems for controlling vehicle emissions and buyers' choices of more power- driven equipment, such as brakes, steering and air conditioning.

Currently, registered passenger cars in the United States are consuming 75.3 billion gallons of gasoline and traveling an estimated 1,005 billion miles a year.

Better use of the automobile will be discussed in this series in an effort to help reduce energy consumption. The first article will be on proper tuning of the car.

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Monday, December 24 — "Feel Sorry for the Post Office" Day.

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POOR CHARLIE SAYS!

Comfort for the lazy: Look what the worm gets for getting up before the early bird.

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ON CHRISTMAS DAY

This Christmas Season, 1973, the mystery and magic of Christmas night are very real as hundreds of millions of people in small countries and great nations across the breadth of the world join hands in the eternal wish of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

In this day of instant communications, flashing in words and pictures the sometimes confusing kaleidoscope of world events, it seems appropriate to give thanks for one gift that has preserved the humanity and the hard-won, accumulated knowledge of man through thousands of years -- the gift of the written word. In countless languages, the written word has spanned the whole surface of the Earth making knowledge of God and the teachings of Christ life-long, everyday companions of men and women everywhere. Through the written word all men know the story of Christmas. These words endure to be read and reread again and again. How else could the story of Tiny Tim and the name of Charles Dickens have become synonymous with the Spirit of Christmas?

Countless millions of children have listened in breathless wonder as their parents read the fantasy-conjuring words of "The Night Before Christmas" -- the reindeer, the fur-trimmed red suit and the jolly cry of, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" These words, written in 1823 by an American minister and poet, Clement C. Moore, are here today as part of the living legend of Christmas. So, let's give thanks for the written word. Its power has preserved the Spirit of Christmas, and its wisdom may yet save mankind from his own folly.

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COLOR YOUR
STATE HOUSE BLACK

The states are out of the red, as a group that is, and at least in fiscal 1972.

According to Commerce Clearing House, the 50 states spent $109.2 billion in the period that ended June 30, 1972. But their revenues from all sources totaled $112.3 billion, a surplus of $3.1 billion.

This was in happy contrast with fiscal 1971, when aggregate state expenditures exceeded income by $1.6 billion.

Where did the money come from? Not surprisingly, taxes — sales, motor fuel, tobacco, alcohol, income and license taxes, to name a few — provided most with $59.9 billion. Total tax revenue was up 16.2 per cent from 1971.

Intergovernmental revenue provided another chunk with $28 billion, up 17.5 per cent, while charges and miscellaneous general revenue accounted for another $10.8 billion, an increase of 10.6 per cent.

If this keeps up, Washington may start asking the states to share their revenues with the federal government, rather than the other way around.

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Look yourself over: is your safety valve in good working order?

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From an economical standpoint, an engagement after a week's acquaintance is wise. Long engagements are very costly to the man, and often people who have been engaged many years do not get along.

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Overheard at the coffee shop: "Parents are embarrassed when their children tell lies, but sometimes it's even worse when they tell the truth."

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — No one can make a fully dressed person feel as naked as Alfred Hodder, executive director of the Medic Alert Foundation.

Mr. Hodder says that anyone with a medical problem should be registered with Medic Alert and should wear its easily recognized necklace or bracelet, listing any confirmed medical ailments or allergies. This would mean that if you should be involved in an automobile accident or be scooped up unconscious off a street, that a doctor or even a passer-by would know immediately that you should not be given penicillin if you are allergic to it, that you have diabetes or a heart disease, that you wear contact lenses or have a pacemaker implanted in your chest.

Medic Alert was founded in 1956 by Dr. Marion C. Collins, its current president, after his daughter almost died from an allergic reaction to tetanus antitoxin. Collins decided then that persons with apparent medical problems should be protected in medical emergencies.

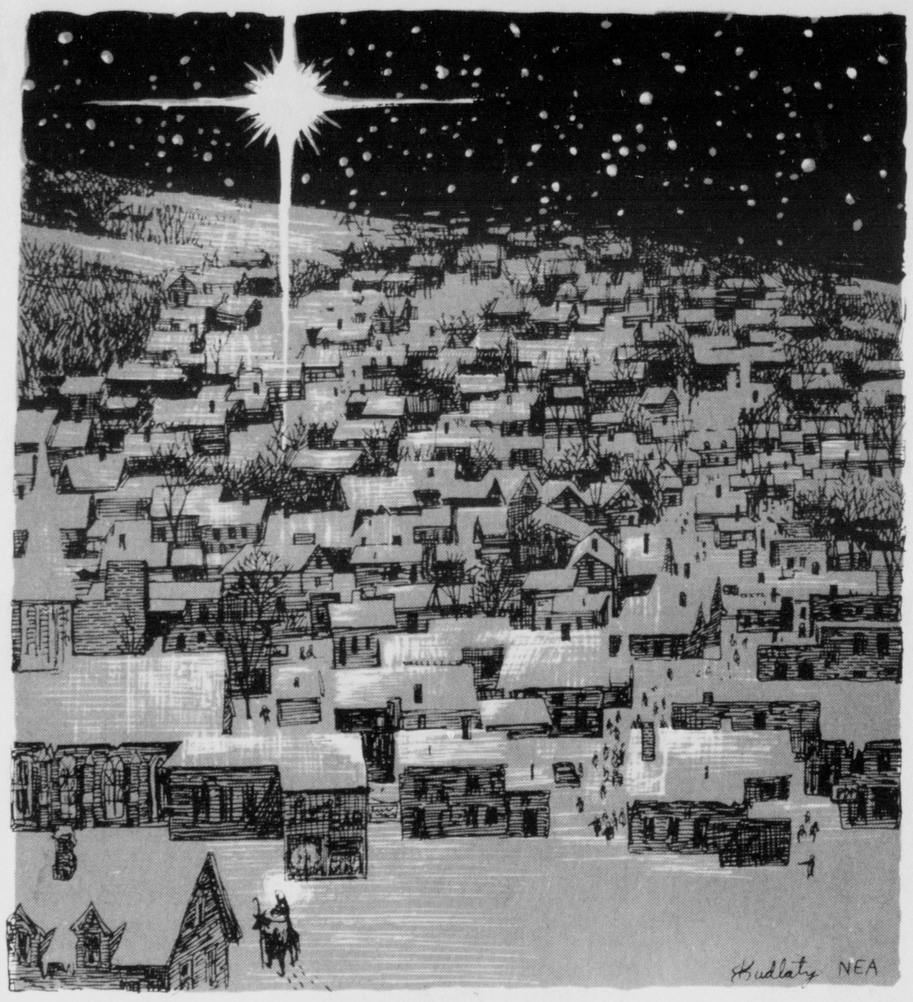
Having covered World War II and conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, I am accustomed to seeing soldiers wearing "dog tags"—small metal plates on a chain around their necks that resemble dog licenses and list name, serial number, and, very important in case of wounds, blood type.

That was for combat action. Hodder feels that civilian life can be equally hazardous. At $7 for a lifetime membership, Medic Alert will issue necklace or bracelet, both easily identifiable by the caduceus physician's symbol of winged staff and entwined snakes and the words Medic Alert in red on its front. On the reverse side of the metal tab can be listed up to five lines of medical ailments or allergies, the first one for free and others for 75 cents a line.

The American Medical Association estimates that one out of every five Americans has a hidden medical problem. On this theory, Medic Alert has signed up more than 475,000 American members and has affiliate organizations in 15 other countries.

Medic Alert's largest membership is in California, where its home office is in Turlock. Its second largest group is in Pennsylvania, where it has 11,000 members in Philadelphia alone. Hodder says that registration with Medic Alert guarantees a lifetime assurance that vital medical information has been computerized and is available on a 24-hour basis through the organization's emergency phone service. Among common ailments inscribed on the tabs are diabetes, Addison's disease, emphysema, asthma, multiple sclerosis, heart conditions, epilepsy, hemophilia, and allergies to such drugs as penicillin, sulpha, terramycin, demerol, aspirin, orphine, codeine, barbiturates, novocaine, cortisone, tetanus toxoid, or multidrugs.

Light Enough for Everyone



TOMORROW
DECEMBER 25 — TUESDAY

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS. Dec. 25. Ceara, Pernambuco and Bahia, Brazil. Elaborate pageants, songs, dances, folk plays, satirical dramas beginning at Christmas and lasting until the Epiphany. Bumba-Meu-Boi (Whoa, My Ox), a satirical drama performed.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Dec. 25. Celebrated throughout the United States its territories and the rest of the Christian World.

ISAAC NEWTON'S BIRTHDAY. Dec. 25. English mathematician- philolospher. (Dec. 25, 1642- Mar 20, 1727).

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TOMORROW
DECEMBER 26 —
WEDNESDAY

BOXING DAY. Dec. 26. England and most Commonwealth Countries.

DAY OF THE WREN. Dec. 26. Dingle Peninsula, Ireland. Masked revelers and musicians go from door to door asking for money. Traditional day and night of public merrymaking.

OXFORD CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE. Dec. 26. Oxford, England.

ROLL THE BARRELL COMPETITION. Dec. 26. Denbigh, Wales.

SECOND CHRISTMAS. Dec. 26. Marks beginning of two-week long celebration. Celebrated in South Carolina and the Virgin Islands.

SUGAR BOWL REGATTA. Dec. 26. Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, La. Over 20 universities sailing entries. Info. from: New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Assn., Internatl. Bldg. Suite 510, 611 Gravier St., New Orleans, La. 70130.

THE WEEK OF SANTELVES — Dec. 26-31. Purpose: A week of recongition for those SANTELVES who helped SANTA'S world-wide operation become as big a success as it was. Info. from: SANTELVES. 3526 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60634.

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THIS COULD STOP
THE SELFISH

A measure has been suggested at St. Louis that could probably stop, or slow, the selfish, who in the present energy crisis, in the privacy of their own homes where they think no one will know, fail to turn down their thermostats or turn out lights. Theyprefer to "let George do it", while they go on as usual.

The suggestion is to put a heavy extra tax on everyone who uses more natural gas or electricity than in a like period last year. It can be checked by meter readers and the bill added to the usual monthly costs. It could run into real money for offenders.

The same could be done by bottled gas and fuel oil suppliers.

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BLUNDER AFTER
BLUNDER ... RESIGN!

If President Nixon loves his country like he should, he would resign. He ought to know, better than anyone else, how the confidence of the people and the respect of his fellow citizens, has dropped to nearly zero as one blunder after another, with more lawless actions by his representatives being discovered every few days. Even if he knew nothing about them, as he claims, he is too little on the job of keeping in touch with his advisors, to hold the office he occupies. With him out of the leaderless leadership he was elected to perform, Vice- president Gerald Ford would take over and the country might again take its place at the top among world powers. The Arabs do not worry about the power of America with Nixon as President. Favoritism to preferred interests, such as those which so willingly contributed $100,000 to half a million dollars to get him elected, might be stopped under a new executive who is under no obligation to those corporations. Mr. Nixon could make a place in history for having saved his country by turning over the leadership to someone more qualified.

Shelbina Democrat

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Of 70 members of the National Petroleum Council who contributed to President Nixon's re-election campaign, John Shaheen of Shaheen Natural Resources was the largest contributor, Rep. Les Aspin (Dem.), Wisconsin, said Sunday.

Aspin said Shaheen, head of a New York firm, contributed $107,000.

"Shaheen recently chartered the Queen Elizabeth II to ferry several hundred people to the opening of a new refinery in Canada," Aspin said in a statement. "Shaheen is a former client of President Nixon's law firm and obtained U. S. approval of construction of the Canadian refinery."

Aspin said 70 members of the 125- member National Petroeum Council, which advises the federal government on oil policy, gave a total of $1.2 million to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign.

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While most Americans are griping about the fuel shortage, it is important to remember that the situation which has been made apparent by the fourth Arab-Israeli war reaches far beyond Arab- Israeli differences and that more things than the Arab- Israeli dispute are exercising their influence behind the scenes.

The following Intelligence Digest report is based on information from very reliable American intelligence sources. It must be emphasized that it describes what is now being thought in Moscow. In particular, it points to the great importance of the position of Iran.

Although the use of Arab oil as a weapon against the West has for long time been a Russian objective, the speed with which results were achieved in the case of the Arab- Israeli war has taken even Moscow by surprise.

As a consequence, a fresh study of the many potentialities of the use of oil as an economic and political weapon in the so-called anti-imperialist struggle has been ordered.

What has happened, according to ID sources of information, is that it has suddenly been realized in Moscow, thanks to the separate and collective western reactions to the Arab move, that the Atlantic aliance (NATO) is a much more fragile thing than the Russians could have hoped for and that oil can be used to shatter it beyond repair.

It can furthermore be used to prevent the integration of Japan with the West and any Sino- Japanese political, economic or military cooperation, according to the current view in Moscow. And, the Russians think, for military purposes it may serve as an instrument to wreck the American economy and with it the U. S. war production industrial complexes.

A further, but subsidiary, subject to be investigated by the Kremlin is the possibility of using oil to prevent the effective functioning of the European Economic Community by selective oil boycotts designed to set the nine members one against the other.

One of the factors unforseen in Moscow, which has much affected Russian thinking, is the attitude of Saudi Arabia's King Faisal. Moscow considered Faisal to be irrevocably tied to American, to such an extent that Washington would be able, with his help, to circumvent the main hazards of a partial oil boycott. Thus, while Saudi Arabian and Iranian oil continued to flow to the West, American would be able to withstand the pressures.

And then the unexpected happened. King Faisal was suddenly not only willing to unite with an Arab "anti-imperialist" front to concoct the explosive mixture of oil and politics, but he even took the lead in the offensive. The unforeseen -- that he would turn on Washington -- happened. That has left Iran dangerously isolated -- a fact that Moscow considers will greatly simplify the future manipulation of the Shah and Iranian politics generally.

Moscow's Radio Peace and Progress has already predicted with great satisfaction that the "vice - like grip" in which the American economy is now held by the Arab oil- producing states will not be relaxed until there has been a basic re-orientation in Washington with regard to the whole spectrum of international relations.

It has also predicted the collapse of the whole complex of alliances between the U. S. and west Europe and Japan upon which the Free World now depends. The collapse of Western unity during and after the fighting in the Middle East is only the beginning of a more serious collapse, according to Moscow.

Some people may say that the Russians are overconfident, but what is indisputable is that Moscow has advanced the timetable of the oil war against the West by a full decade. What was hiterto scheduled for the 1980s has been brought forward to the present day and political and diplomatic (and strategic) victory which was expected by 1985 is now expected by about 1975.

Western unity has never been more vital than today in order to meet this deadly threat.

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Once a Year

How seldom Christmas comes — only once a year; and how soon it is over— anight and a day! If that is the whole of it, it seems not much more durable than the little toys that one buys of a fakir on the street corner. They run for an hour, and then the spring breaks, and the legs come off, and nothing remains but a contribution to the dust heap.

But surely that need not and ought not be the whole of Christmas— only a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year— only a single night of merry-making, celebrated in the slave-quarters of a selfish race! If every gift is the token of a personal thought, a friendly feeling, an unselfish interest in the joys of others, then the thought, the feeling, the interest, may remain long after the gift is forgotten.

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Tires Are Minimized
As Accident Factors

A new federal government study has found that passenger car tires are "not significant factors in traffic accidents."

The new findings were contained in a report to Congress by U.S. Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats on the entire federal auto safety testing program. The Comptroller General heads the General Accounting Office, Congress' watchdog over federal spending.

In the fiscal years 1970-72, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spent a total of $4.8 million on compliance testing, the report noted. More than half of this, $2.5 million, went for tire testing, compared to $1.4 million for vehicle testing, and $913,943 for other equipment.

"Available accident data and information from tire studies indicate that disabled passenger vehicle tires are not significant factors in traffic accidents,nd that the Safety Administration's relative degree of emphasis on tire testing, in terms of its total enforcement program, is more than warranted," the report declared.

The GAO report cited accident data provided by the National Bureau of Standards, the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University, and the Highway Safety Research Institute at the University of Michigna, to back up its statements ontire safetv.

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A POINT

Does anybody read ads on the paper match books except wives who are curious about their husbands' meanderings?

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SHOCKING NEWS

"Why did they separate?"
"Nobody seems to know."
"Oh, how terrible."

H.L. Hunt

THE SENATOR WHO
PREDICTED OUR
ENERGY CRISIS

Twenty years ago a much misunderstood and maligned but very able and farseeing statesman served in the United States Senate. He was George Malone of Nevada, chairman of the Minerals, Materials and Fuels subcommittee.

Often derided as too "conservative" and long-winded, Senator Malone in fact foresaw the energy crisis that confronts us today. He told how it could have been avoided. Only now, when the crisis is upon us are the politicians and bureauracts ready to consider Senator Malone's recommendations.

In a 1954 report of his Senate subcommittee, Senator Malone warned that "to a very dangerous extent, the vital security of this nation is in serious jeopardy. We are dependent for many of our essential raw materials on sources in far-off lands many under the control of possibly fickle allies or timid neutrals, some veritably under the guns of our potential enemies."

He went on to say: "None of this vulnerability need exist .... The Western Hemisphere can become completely self-sufficient in the production of necessary critical materials in war and peace."

Senator Malone recommended large-scale research and development of better techniques for obtaining oil from the oil shale widely distributed in our country, and of "ways and means to revive the coal industry." He called for "improvement of our petroleum, gas and coal resources to assure maximum availability of domestic fuels."

All of these programs the present administration is, at long last, undertaking. If only they had been undertaken 20 years ago when Senator Malone proposed them, we would not be in crisis over energy today.

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Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Jack Anderson

JACK ANDERSON SAYS:
THE NUCLEAR BRINK

WASHINGTON-- The Christmas theme of peace on earth has been profaned, regrettably, by the men who control the nuclear switches.

They still engage in nuclear diplomacy, and the horror weapons are poised in their silos and submarines ready for the ultimate holocaust.

In less than a dozen years, there have been at least three nuclear confontations. The latest occurred only last October, as Soviet attack submarines targeted on U. S. warships and both superpowers ordered their forces on alert.

The public has been given only the sketchiest details of the incidents that could have ended in nuclear devastation. Here are the stark facts, which men of good will would do well to ponder while the carolers sing of peace on earth:

'62 CRISIS

During the 1962 missile crisis, as the world is aware, John Kennedy ordered our nuclear forces on red alert. Our intercontinental missiles on land and our Polaris missiles under the sea were ready to fire. Our B- 52 bombers, their bomb bays pregnant with H-bombs, were in the air so they wouldn't need to waste time taking off.

President Kennedy threw a naval blockade around Cuba, calling it a "quarantine," with orders to stop Soviet missile shipments from entering Cuban waters. Nikita Krushchev, then the cock of the Kremlin, responded with a blistering secret message.

"You, Mr. President, are not declaring a quarantine," fumed Khruschev, "but rather are setting forth an ultimatum and threatening that if we do not give in to your demands you will use force!...

"Naturally, we will not simply be bystanders with regard to piratical acts by American ships on the high seas. We will then be forced on our part to take the measures we consider necessary and adequate in order to protect our rights. For this we have all that is necessary."

PICKED SPOT

Nevertheless, Kennedy called the Joint Chiefs into the situation room in the White House basement. He plunged a thumback into an Atlantic map and ordered the Joint Chiefs to intercept any Soviet ships that reached the point of the thumbtack.

Soviet ships, loaded with Cuba- bound missiles, arrived at the crucial spot. The President called the Joint Chiefs back into the situation room. Slowly, he withdrew the tack from the map, moved it back and pressed it into the map again. "Let's give them a little more time," he instructed. "But when they reached this point, you'll have to stop them."

As the missile- laden Soviet ships approached the second thumbtack, orders from Moscow turned them around. Commented Dean Rusk, then secretary of state, to subordinates: "We've been eyeball to eyeball and I think the other fellow just blinked."

Kennedy's handling of the Cuban confrontation made a deep impression on Richard Nixon. He spoke admiringly of the cold courage Kennedy had demonstrated when he faced an imminent nuclear explosion.

INDIA— PAKISTAN WAR

In December 1971, President Nixon had an opportunity to stage his own nuclear showdown in the Bay of Bengal.

While Pakistan and India fought over the dreary, humid, painfully impoverished piece of earth now called Bangladesh, the United States, Russia and China issued orders. Armies and navies with hydrogen-headed missiles responded.

It turned out to be a limited, two- week war. But it could have been otherwise. The secret intelligence reports reveal that the three superpowers were being sucked into the vortex of war.

The United States sent a nuclear task force steaming into the Bay of Bengal. The Soviets promised India "that the Soviet Union will not allow the Seventh Fleet to intervene." And a Soviet task force was immediately dispatched to the troubled area.

'DIVERSIONARY ACTION'

In the Himalayas, the Chinese made preparations to move against India. Again, the Soviets gave New Delhi assurances that, in case of a Chinese attack, Russia would mount "a diversionary action in Sknkiang (a Chinese province on the Siberian border)."

The world was spared, but none of the big powers can take credit. The war was not ended by the menacing moves of the Russians, Americans and Chinese, but by the collapse of the Pakistani army in Bangladesh.

Again, at the height of the latest Arab- Israeli war in October, the United States and Russia moved their nuclear forces on the world chessboard.

Seven Soviet airborne divisions in full combat gear were moved to embarkation points. The airlift of military supplies to Egypt and Syria was suddenly halted to make the planes available to haul the waiting troops.

FLEETS MOVE IN

A flotilla of warships, landing ships and back- up ships moved out of the Black Sea into the Mediterranean. The Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean quickly swelled to 90 vessels, one- third more than the U. S. Navy's Sixth Fleet. At least 20 Soviet attack submarines appeared on the tails of U. S. carriers and other key ships.

Then Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, in a blunt secret message declaring "I will say it straight," called upon President Nixon to join him in sending troops to stop the alleged Israeli cease- fire violations. Otherwise, he threatened to send in Soviet troops unilaterally.

The President responded instead by ordering a worldwide military alert. The Soviet forces never left Russia. Tensions were relaxed. But once again, mankind had taken a step dangerously close to the nuclear brink.

Inside Labor

By Victor Riesel

Meyer Lansky's Last Days:
Mafia's Elders Cool It as
FBI's Informers Reach into
"Families' " Highest Echelons

NEW YORK-- Even Mafia made- to- order death appears to be taking a holiday. Underworld dons, glorified tastelessly by the films as Godfathers, have directed their troops to cool it. The heat is just too intense on the Cosa Nostra elders as 1974 races in.

The command has come down to ease labor racket pressure, cut theft in the white collar field, don't "heist" Wall Street securities, for the moment no truck hijacking, and there's even a taboo on this season's traditional bankruptcy rip- offs.

The heat on the "button men," who have until recently been free to go into anything but dope running, sears them from both inside the families and from law enforcement agencies.

So effectively has the 1973 phenomenon of local and federal coordination hit the mob, for example, that truck hijacking, a lucrative swift moneymaker, has plummeted. It's just gotten too dangerous. So much so that the thieves can't get a "drop" or a garage in big towns such as this Gotham for less than $5,000 an hour in which to hide, "break" the load down and distribute the loot into smaller conveyances.

The Mafia isn't "cooling it" out of Yuletide sentiment. First they're old and want to die a natural death after a long life. They know, and it is fact, that law enforcement agencies, especially the respiritied FBI, have broken through the old Cosa Nostra omerta- wall of silence.

The bureau now has about 2,000 in all, have been put under protection on military bases or have been moved from their original cities under the witness relocation program.

So the Mafia dons are careful. They don't know who'll turn and they'll hit the headlines. One informer's testimony convicted the late Gyp De Carlo.

Furthermore, the elders are growing weaker-- physically. Note the final days of Meyer Lansky, last of the old Murder, Inc., era. Justice Department officials tell me he'll never be tried again though Meyer is scheduled for a Las Vegas courtroom in January.

He underwent a triple heart- bypass operation. During his last trial, the government had to provide him with a room in which to rest and constant attendance of a doctor in the courtroom.

There are others like Lansky who, though not as sick, are antediluvians from the late '20s. Some of them are just about holding their men in line-- such as the alleged boss of bosses Carlo Gambino, the most powerful labor manipulator of them all. Others are dead or have gone into exile as has an erstwhile boss of the Chicago mob. Justice Dept. investigators believe that the legendary crowd will be led by John (Jackie the Lackey) Cerone, an unknown to the rest of the nation.

Wherever one looks there are vacuums. Though the Rhode Island parole board is considering freeing the alleged New England boss, the imprisoned Ray Patriarca, the post still is open. So is the leadership of virtually all Eastern families. Slowly the Colombo family leadership is going to prison or into retirement in Florida, for example.

Slowly, feeling their way, their oats and their muscle, young unknowns are moving in. The dons watch them, try to maneuver them, cool them, wait to see which of the newcomers to power will next be grabbed by the FBI, the Justice Dept. anti- crime strike forces and the local police departments. Justice Dept. observers say that Buffalo, St. Louis and Pittsburgh are the "hot" labor racket centers.

So the dons examine the new Mafia alliances. They wait to see who will shoot their way to the top. Then they'll take sides. But for the moment they're cooling it. For them 'tis the season to be wary.

"Hundreds of men have been convicted who otherwise would have been free were it not for these witnesses," Shur says. "We give a witness in organized crime trials an alternative to death. So we relocate them. Vinnie Teresa (a self- avowed New England underworld thug who turned-- VR) alone helped us put away at least 20 gangsters."

informers in the highest underworld echelons. This significant breakthrough came in the past six or nine months. And in all--repeat, all-- of the Mafia families.

This is corroborated by Jerry Shur, chief of the U. S. Justice Department's criminal intelligence unit. He tells me there are some 650 informers. Most of them are from within organized crime. These men and their families, totaling

Hearings set for 3 on burglary charge

BLOOMFIELD — Preliminary hearings for Richard Burns of Sikeston, Velton (Pap) Taylor of Morehouse and Henry Powell Thursday were set for Jan. 3 in Magistrate Court on a charge of burglarizing the the Delores Long home near Essex.

The three also face a charge in Scott County of burglarizing the James Coppage home on Sikeston Route One and bogus check charges.

Jimmy Midkiff of Poplar Bluff charged with forging a prescription to obtain a controlled drug was ordered sent to the state hospital at Farmington for treatment after a Dexter physician informed the court that treatment was necessary. The charges against him were continued indefinitely.

Alfred Hill of Bernie, charged with not sending his children to school, failed to appear and his case was continued to Dec. 27. The court was informed that the children are still not attending school. Hill appeared in court last week and informed the court that all his efforts to get his children to attend school had failed.

Hill was informed that if his children did not attend school, they would be turned over to juvenile authorities. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were to have made a report to the court Thursday.

Ronald Lynn McAdams of Bessimer, Ark. pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of careless and imprudent driving and was fined $50. The charge was reduced from driving while intoxicated.

William Patrick Henry pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while intoxicated and was fined $100.

A preliminary hearing was set Jan. 3 for James Ed Spradling on a charge of felonious assault.

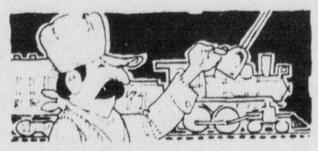
A nonsupport charge against Micheal Ray Westbrook was continued until Dec. 27.

Mitchell W. Moser of Bloomfield and Elbert Porter paid $10 fines for careless and imprudent driving.

Griffin fined $107 on DWI charge

CHARLESTON — A $107 fine on a driving while intoxicated charge was paid this morning in City Court by Johnny Griffin 61, of Charleston. Robert Lee Berry, 18, of Charleston paid a $17 fine for careless and imprudent driving.

Fines of $107 each were paid Saturday in City Court by George Scheffer, 25, of Charleston and Edward A. Golightly, 52, of Charleston on driving while intoxicated charges. Leroy Rank Tatum, 20, of Charleston, forfeited a $125 bond posted on a driving while intoxicated charge.



22 injuries treated

Twenty-two accident patients were treated over the weekend in the emergency room at Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

Six treated Friday were: Beatrice Toney, 63, Sikeston, cut right foot in fall on ice; Guy Woodard, 52, East Prairie, fractured left arm in fall Howard Williams, 30, East Prairie, dislocated left elbow in fall; Jamie Propst, 2, Sikeston, bruised mouth in fall; Carol Jones, 41, Portageville, strained right shoulder in car accident; and JoAnn Northern, 13, Sikeston, injured head in fall.

Eleven treated Saturday were: Charles Cooper, 2, Hardin, Ky., cut scalp in fall against dresser; James Crowe, 26, Sikeston, bruised left third finger at work; Lena Felker, 61, Sikeston, sprained left elbow in fall; Keith Parker, 14, Sikeston, bruises in car accident; Keith Garner, 10, Fenton, bruised left eye in fall on ice; Glenn Gregory, 16, Morley, bruised right hand in car accident.

Bobbie Taylor, 34, Sikeston, bruised left elbow in fall June Aycock, 27, Parma, sprained right ankle in fall on ice; Helen Rucker, 41, Sikeston, bruised left elbow in fall on ice; Edna Taylor, 60, Sikeston, multiple bruises in fall; and Danny Henry, 21, Sikeston, bruised right ankle at work.

Five treated Sunday were: Charlene Hillhouse, 52, Charleston, cut right index finger on knife; Shirley Lavely, 36, Eureka, cut and fractured left thumb, caught hand in car door; Mark Childers, 12, Sikeston, fractured left wrist in fall; Burley Alford, 58, Sikeston, fractured right thumb, hit by falling brick; and Barbara Hardin, 11, Matthews, fractured left arm in fall.

Mobile Homes

Ethiopia's nomadic Danakil tribesmen build mobile homes using brushwood, goatskins and straw mats. When water and forage run short, a family simply bundles the collapsible shelter onto a camel and moves on

Smoke only dust

Firemen responsed to a fire call at 11:30 a.m. Saturday to TG&Y Family Center in Kingsway Plaza Mall which turned out not to be a fire. Firemen said a furnace in the building had been turned on and blew dust out of the air ducts which was mistaken for smoke.

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Magistrate Court fines 5

NEW MADRID — New Madrid County Magistrate Court had a light docket last week with only five fines assessed on misdemeanor charges.

George Riley Gordon was fined $50 on charges of hunting rabbits from a motor vehicle and hunting rabbits after sunset.

Other fines were levied against Lennie Joe Hinton, operating improperly registered vehicle, failure to display certificate of inspection and no operator license, $30; Donna Jean Dinwiddie, careless and imprudent driving, $20; Robert John Gartland, following too closely, $20; and William Earl Rickman, operating motor vehicle with out- of- state license while a Missouri resident, $20.

Bloomfield pastor accepts advisory council post

BLOOMFIELD— The Rev. John H. Walker, 64, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church and West Pleasant Valley Methodist Church, has accepted an invitation from Gov. Christopher S. Bond to serve as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, which will advise and assist the Methodist Office of Aging in making policy and program decisions affecting the state's older citizens.

There will be 31 people from various parts of Missouri on the governor's council. The first meeting will be called soon by Will Marshall Jr., state director of aging.

The Rev. Mr. Walker is now serving as the chairman of the 18- county Southeast Missouri Area Agency on Aging composed of 10 members.

Greg Comer, executive director of this area, has an office at 225 N. Clark St., Cape Girardeau, phone number 335- 6927. Mrs. Edward Hastings of Van Buren is the nutrition director. She and Comer are paid personnel, but the 10 council members are volunteers and give much time and thought to programs for the elderly in this part of the state.

The SeMo counties include: Cape Girardeau, Perry, Bollinger, Ste. Genevieve, Madison, Iron, St. Francois, Scott, Stoddard, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Dunklin, Butler, Reynolds, Ripley, Carter and Wayne.

6 arrests

Police today announced six arrests.

Included were:

Ulyss Ralph Ayers, 202 Edward, operating a motor vehicle while operator's license revoked; Gregory Jerome Foote, Route One, obstructing traffic; Alton Griffin Stewart, 318 Selma, driving while intoxicated; Ben Andrew Matthews, 710 Hickory, speeding and improper passing; Jon Robert Scarbrough, 320 Kramer Drive, public intoxication and resisting arrest; and Manuel Alan Moit, Box 171 Bertrand, careless and imprudent driving and petit larceny.

GABERONE, Botswana (AP) — The border between South Africa and Botswana, originally defined by the London Convention of 1884, was formally confirmed in a treaty in September 1973.

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Ann Landers

Dying young doesn't mean one has worked himself to death

Dear Ann Landers: I know you have a lot of men readers because I hear men talk about your column a great deal. I also know you speak to a good many men's clubs around the country. So will you please, Ann, address yourself to the male members of your reading audience and ask them this question:

Why are you killing yourselves trying to corner all the money in the world? What good will it do if you are the richest man in the cemetery?

I read the obituaries every night and it makes me sick. So many young executives dropping dead of heart attacks. I'm afraid I'll be seeing my husband's name in their any day now.

How can I get the idea across to a man who is so obsessed with making money that he is putting himself in an early grave? Of course I enjoy the luxuries that come from the fruits of his labors, but I'd rather do without them and have a husband for another 15 or 20 years.

Will you help me and other wives with driven husbands who put in 10- and 12- hour days?-- Afraid Of The Future

Dear Afraid: Hard work never killed anybody. If your husband enjoys what he's doing and is tension- free, leave him alone.

Work doesn't bring on heart attacks. The real demons are overweight, cigarette smoking, failure to exercise, tension and excessively high cholesterol. Picking the wrong ancestors can also mean trouble, but that's the one factor you can't control.

Dear Ann Landers: Why don't you and Mayor Lindsay take a walk-- into the Hudson?

His letter on guns and your hysterical attack about the millions of innocent people who are scared to death to walk from a bus stop to their homes makes no sense.

Why don't you and Hizzoner go back and read the Second Amendment, contained in the Bill of Rights? It says, "A well- regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Sign me-- Student of American History at Columbia U.

Dear Student: You flunked.

In the Colonial period and on into the nineteenth century, militia units organized at the state level served as reserve forces for the military. These militias were taken over by the federal government in 1903, and ultimately abolished through the National Defense Acts of 1920 and 1933; the National Guard now serves in the capacity of the local militia units of old.

The Second Amendment makes a stipulation about the necessity of the militia. This militia no longer exists. Armed defense has been taken out of the hands of locals and put under the direct supervision of the federal government; it is a totally different thing than what the Founding Fathers knew.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 23- year- old son married a 19- year- old girl last week. We had a lovely wedding for them because the bride's parents decided not to bless the union due to religious differences.

At the end of the ceremony, when the clergyman said, "I now pronounce you man and wife," the bride grabbed the groom and nearly strangled him with a kiss that was so passionate everybody in the church laughed. I didn't think it was funny.

Will you please say something about wedding kisses and good taste? Or am I square and old- fashioned? (P. S.: I am 43 years old.)-- Mother Of The Groom

Dear Mother: Passionate kisses should be saved for the honeymoon.

What's prudish? What's O. K.? If you aren't sure, you need some help. It's available in the booklet: "Necking and Petting-- What Are the Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers, P. O. Box 3346, Chicago, Ill. 60654, enclosing 50c in coin and a long, stamped, self- addressed envelope.

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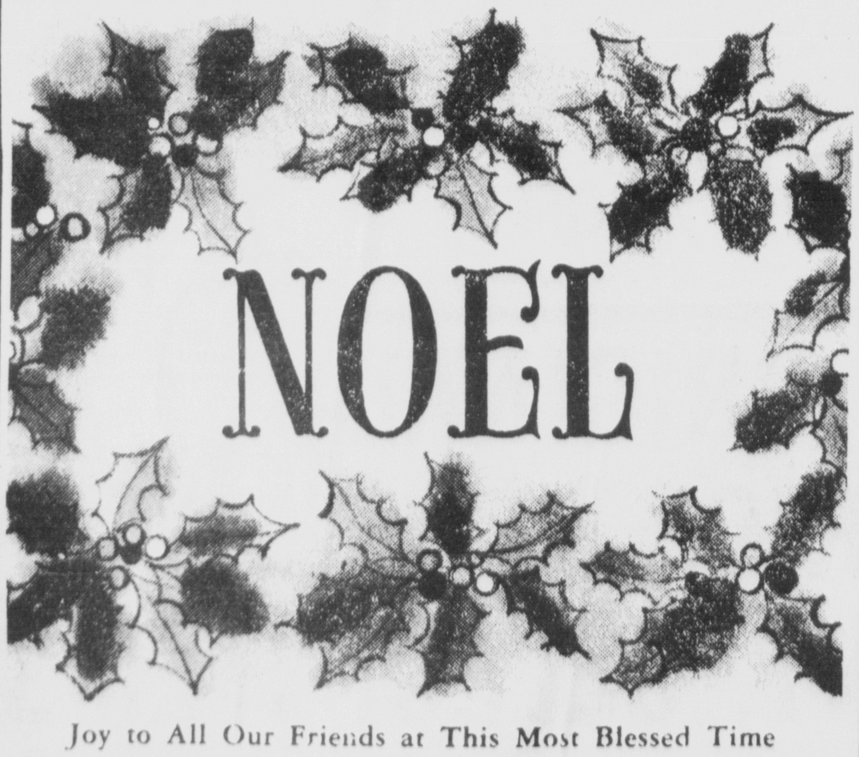

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Ann's 1973 Christmas message

In 1955, the year Ann Landers, began writing this column, she wrote a special essay for Christmas Day. Reader response was extremely rewarding and she has reprinted the column annually, with topical modifications. This is Ann's Christmas message for 1973.

Today is Christmas. All about us we hear talk of peace on Earth, good will toward men. Yet we know full well, in many parts of the world there is no peace and in the hearts of many men there is not enough good will. This year has seen the end of the longest, bloodiest, most expensive war in the history of our nation. And now we are faced with the horrendous problem of what to do with the men who chose not to participate. Moreover we must rebuild the country we have devastated. As for the thousands of innocent victims, the women and children who were killed "by mistake," we can only say we are sorry.

Our youth insists that civilization is out of joint. They resent having to live in a world they never made. But what generation ever made the world it had to live in?

We congratulate ourselves that we are the richest, most productive, most powerful nation in the world, but what progress have we made? Is it progress when man can walk on the craters of the moon, but cannot walk safely after dark two blocks from his home.?

This is the age of the Big Rip-Off, the unwashed and the undressed, the blurring of the sexes. Spokesmen for Liberation movements spit in the face of conformity and stare us down with eyes like hypodermic needles. Some fear we are heading toward social decay, going the way of the Romans and the Babylonians. Others applaud the "new morality" and dance on the grave of "phony Puritanism." They herald the sex revolution as symptomatic of a maturing society that promises to encourage creativity and promote better mental health. But will it? Or are we overloading the circuits and promoting additional guilt and anxiety in those who cannot tolerate so much exposure?

One of the most encouraging signs of our times is that the campuses are once again beginning to look like places of higher learning. Much of the hostility and anger of the late 60's is gone. The students have settled down to business. This is the good news. The bad news is that drug abuse has shifted from the campuses to the high schools and the junior highs. Now it's the 14-, 15- and 16-year-olds who are turning to drugs to "expand their minds," or just to turn on. In reality, of course, they have merely opted to anesthetize themselves against the pain of growing up and accepting responsibility.

Every day each of us makes decisions that determine the direction in which our lives will move. No one, no matter how wise, how highly principled or experienced, can make the right decision every time. To err is no disgrace. The disgrace lies in not learning from our mistakes, not recovering from our defeats, not picking ourselves up, brushing ourselves off and trying again.

Since this is a problem column, I spend the greater part of every day with grief and trouble. Does it depress me? No, it does not. After 18 years of this work, I still find it challenging, uplifting and immensely rewarding. I realize that many people who write to me don't want advice. They merely need someone to listen.

I have been entrusted with the largest reading audience in the world. What a unique opportunity to educate, to shine a spotlight on ignorance and fear, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. There is no greater satisfaction than to serve, and I will continue to do my best.

USE THE DAILY STANDARD CLASSIFIED ADS

Miss Taylor is bride of Rick Perry

First United Methodist Church was the setting Dec. 8 for the candlelight wedding of Diane Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart S. Taylor, 237 W. Gladys St., and Richard Wayne "Rick" Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Perry, 414 Missouri Ave.

The Rev. Otto Dvorak performed the double- ring ceremony. Mrs. J. E. Childress provided appropriate organ music and also accompanied Roger Tolliver as he sang "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The couple exchanged vows beneath an arch of greenery interspersed with white doves and centered with three white bells tied with red velvet bows. Red poinsettias flanked both sides of the arch.

White candles on either side of the church aisle, decorated with holly and red velvet ribbon, were lit by Becky Stahley and Kathy Todd Richardson of Cape Girardeau as they proceeded down the aisle to light the tall white altar candles held in three candelabras decorated with greenery and white doves. They wore Christmas green gowns with silver accents which featured long sleeves, low scoop necklines and fitted midriffs with slight fullness in the skirts.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory peau de soie traditional style gown with fitted bodice, sheer illusion yoke outlined in beading and Chantilly lace appliques embroidered in seed pearls and iridescent sequins. The drooped waistline formed a point in front where the divided skirt formed a deep panel pleat over an underskirt .

Mrs. Kay Stauffer Tolliver, dressed in a gown of red crushed velvet with empire waistline, deep "V" neckline and long full sleeves, served as matron of honor.

Janet Shoults of Malden, dressed in an avocado green crushed velvet gown styled identically to the one worn by the matron of honor, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Cheryl Perry Jensen of Cape Girardeau, sister of the groom; Lynne Tenkhoff Coleman of Memphis, Tenn.; and Reva Shaw of Florissant. They wore gowns of identical style in alternate colors of red and green.

Little Kimberly Diane Wortmann of St. Louis, cousin of the bride, wore a floor- length, red, crushed velvet gown similar to those worn by the bridesmaids as she served as junior bridesmaid.

Each attendant carried a white fur muff decorated with a single red velvet poinsetta and velvet ribbon streamers of red and green to contrast with the gown. of Chantilly lace embroidered with seed pearls and iridescent sequins. A self bow was placed at the top of the divided panel.

The back of the gown featured covered buttons from neckline to hipline with three self bows placed along pleats forming the cathedral- length train. The lily point sleeves fastened with covered buttons, also.

Her bridal bouquet was made of tiny white pompoms, red sweetheart roses and ivy. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls made from a necklace her father had given her mother upon his return from overseas at the end of World War II.

The groom chose Dan Armour of Sikeston as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Jensen of Cape Girardeau, brother- in- law of the groom; Bill Humphries and Terry Schaefer of Sikeston; and Rod Taylor of Rolla, brother of the bride who also served as usher, along with Jeff Taylor of Lansing, Mich., another brother of the bride.

Miss Jane Jones of Malden presided at the guestbook.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall which was gaily decorated in a Christmas motif. The bride's table had a three- tiered wedding cake as its centerpiece. On one end of the table was a cut glass punch bowl filled with red punch and on the other end a silver coffee service.

A garland of holly and red velvet doves added a holiday touch to the white, net- draped table. Serving at the bride's table were Kathy Wilkey Bell of Kennett, Melissa DeLine of Charleston, Charlotte Blattner Ellington of Spanish Lake and Elizabeth McCollum Schaberg of Bridgeton.

The bride's sister- in- law, Judy Spradling Taylor of Lansing, Mich., served the groom's cake. Jack Kinder and his band of Cape Girardeau played for dancing.

Out- of- town guests were:

Todd Taylor of Lansing, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Garner and Phil and Jay of Monroe, La.; Mr. and Mrs. James Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wortmann and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holmes of St. Louis; Mrs. Shirley Perry of Mexico, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Perry of Vanduser.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith of Florissant; Mr. and Mrs. Merrell Griffith of Hazelwood; Ed Ellington of Spanish Lake; Jack Schaberg of Bridgeton; Dan Krueger of Bloomington, Ill.; Frank Caruso of St. Louis; Rick Bell of Kennett; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Shoults of Portageville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lumsden of Canalou; Mr. and Mrs. Carl McRoy of Dexter; Tom Haire and Bruce Dixon of Columbia; Miss Karen Corbett of Desloge; Mrs. Spec DeLine of Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nickell and Mike and Gregg, Dean Mary Helen Flentge, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Spradling, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crosnoe, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Griffith, Ed Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. David Burns, Miss Susan Webb, Miss Janet Hahs, Joe Bill Davis, Miss Frances Jones, Miss Jane Keller, Miss Anne Hart, Miss Susie Sitter, Bill Leming, Miss Toni Grafner, Miss Mary Ann Carr, Jim Godsey, Shelby Godsey and Mark Thilenious of Cape Girardeau.

On Nov. 16, Miss Taylor was honored with a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Jim Abernathy, Mrs. Merrell Griffith, Mrs. Paul Holems, Mrs. A. P. Sargent and Mrs. Lucien Stoner at the Security Federal Savings and Loan Association community room.

The serving table was laid with a white cloth draped with red net. A centerpiece of red carnations and baby's breath was flanked on either side with silver candelabras holding tall red candles. A silver coffee service was placed on one end of the table and a cut glass punch bowl with red punch on the other. Miss Taylor, her mother and the groom's mother were presented corsages of red carnations by the hostesses.

On Nov. 30, Mrs. Roger Tolliver, Miss Janet Shoults and Miss Jane Jones gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Michael Jensen in Cape Girardeau with Mrs. Ewart Taylor, Mrs. David Perry and Miss Taylor's Alpha Delta Pi sorority sisters as guests. Buffet type refreshments were served from a table decorated in the bride's colors.

On Dec. 2, Miss Taylor was surprised by a get-together of the English faculty from Sikeston High School and presented a gift.

On Dec. 7, the groom's parents were hosts for a rehearsal dinner for members of the wedding party at the Travelodge Restaurant. A Christmas theme was carried out in the table and room decorations. Miss Taylor and Perry presented gifts of jewelry to their attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tolliver entertained members of the wedding party at their home following the rehearsal dinner. The women stayed for a "hen party" and the men went to the home of Terry Schaefer for a "bachelor party".

On Dec. 8, Miss Taylor was guest of honor at a bridesmaid luncheon at the M. E. Stauffer home hosted by Mrs. Stauffer, Mrs. Hugh McCollum and Mrs. Alton Tenkhoff. The Stauffer home was decorated in a Christmas theme. Luncheon tables were decorated with white candles, holly, red velvet poinsettas, red droves and favors of red velvet poinsetta napkin rings.

Miss Taylor presented each guest a bridesmaid figureine, and the honoree was presented a red carnation corsage by the hostesses.

Mrs. Richard Wayne Perry

Miss Davis is president of FHA club

KENNETT — Miss Amy Davis of Deering, representing Delta C-7 High School's Future Homemakers of America chapter, was elected president of the regional FHA organization Dec. 12 at a meeting in a Kennett bank.

Other officers elected were: Tara Rosche of Kennett, first vice president; Rhonda Davis of Deering Delta C-7, second vice president; Tammy Copley of Cooter, secretary; Sharon Strawbridge of Cooter, treasurer; Melinda Jones of Senath, historian; Susan Young of Hayti, reporter; Linda Edgar of Portageville, parliamentarian; and Debbie Matlock of Parma, song leader.

Rosey Fender of Kennett was elected state FHA historian.

The officers will begin their duties in March and will represent their region at the state convention in Columbia next May.

The Christmas Crib

In Germany the Christmas Crib is called the Krippe. In France it is called the Creche, meaning cradle. In Italy it is referred to as the Praesepe, or manger. In Spain it is the Nacimiento, the nativity scene. A famous American Crib is the huge Moravian Putz at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, which sometimes has as many as 200 live animals including sheep, camels and leopards.

The idea for the first Christmas Crib came from St. Francis of Assisi about 1200 A.D. At that time books were not plentiful and common people were illiterate therefore the religious leaders often dramatized their preaching or used tableaux to illustrate the religious concepts. In this manner St. Francis constructed the first nativity scene as a literal representation of the Biblical story. In a cave in the woods near the cloister, he instructed a friend to build a manger and to fill it with hay. He placed live animals in this stable for the final touch of realism. On Christmas Eve people gathered to view this scene and as they entered the area they stopped in amazement and fell to their knees in adoration. For there was the manger scene much as it was at the Birth of the Child. St. Francis stood before this creche singing the Gospel and telling the wondrous story. This unforgettable occasion inspired other communities to do likewise and the fashion of the Nativity groups spread widely.

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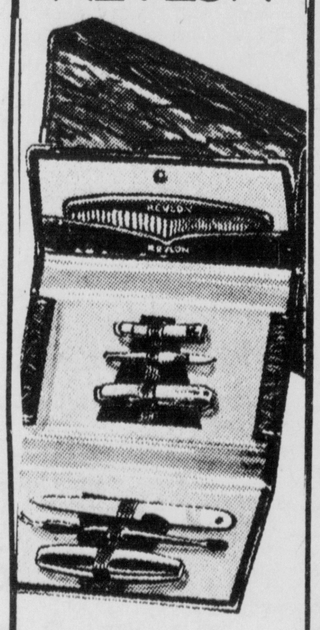

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WHEELING—Truck driver Debbie Vase, 22, top photo, laughs from the window of the cab of the truck she handles at a Wyoming Power plant construction site. Louise Lyman, 27, bottom photo, drives a moving van after graduating from a five-week training course for truck drivers.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — There's an interstate moving van rolling down the highway with the name "Louise" on a front fender, and that isn't the name of the driver's girl friend.

The truck belongs to, and is driven by Miss Louise Lyman, 27, of Kalamazoo, Mich., first woman to receive a contract driver's certificate from Aero Mayflower Transit Co.

Miss Lyman was graduated in July from Mayflower's five-week training course and then headed out on her first moving job — one back home to Michigan.

"I can't wait to drive to my parents' home at Grand Rapids, Mich., and say 'Here I am, I passed my tests,' " the hefty, former teacher said before leaving Indianapolis.

She said in an interview here that her family had not disapproved of her choice for a new career, only expressed disbelief.

Louise, working for a veterinarian, was thinking of trying for a job as taxi driver when she spotted an ad for contract drivers in a Kalamazoo newspaper.

She was accepted and "they taught me how to parallel park and back the rig in and things like that."

Training also included packing and loading, book work, log-keeping and filling out shipping information. She had to meet requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission and U.S. Transportation Dept. in addition to her employer's standards.

"I think I'll have good rapport with women, because they'll know that I'll be careful with their things," Louise said.

Referring to the likelihood that male loaders will be working for her at times, Louise said, "There will be men who won't want to work for a woman. But they can do the job, get their pay, and then leave as far as I'm concerned."

Louise majored in physical education at Western Michigan University, but "in 1968, when I was graduated, there were no teaching jobs available."

So she joined VISTA and for one year taught unwed pregnant girls at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Now she's out driving a straight van with 10 forward gears.

She isn't worried about the hours or the work, but admits there may be some problems at truck stops, many of which aren't set up to handle women drivers with sleeping facilities.

"I'll try the truck stops, since that's the cheapest way to go, but if I have to, I'll just stay in motels," she said.

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
Associated Press Writer

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. (AP) — As she wheeled her flatbed truck around the giant Jim Bridger power plant construction site in southwestern Wyoming, 22-year-old Debbie Vase of Rock Springs let out a scornful laugh at the mention of women's liberation.

Debbie is one of about 20 women among the 2,600 workers employed on the project. A member of the Teamsters Union, she is qualified to drive anything from a semi-trailer rig to a pickup truck and has done a lot of cement truck driving.

Her employers are extremely pleased and credit her with being a better driver than most of the men.

The pretty miss has been driving for Bechtel Corp. at the Bridger site for about 10 months and really sees nothing out of the ordinary in what she is doing.

"I don't need women's lib to get a job," she said confidently. "All that stuff is just a little too much. There are other gals out here. One is even a labor foreman. It's not that hard."

Debbie says she has never had a yen to become a secretary or anything along that line. "It doesn't pay well enough." Knocking down $5.60 an hour for her job on the flatbed, she may have reason. She said other driving jobs pay varying rates.

"It's just a job. It may be unique for some people, but it's just a job — if you keep on your toes."

What's it like being outnumbered more than 100 to one by men?

"There are some jerks, but on the whole I've been treated real well. There is a good bunch of men out here and I have been pretty well respected."

Construction workers are known for their frequent, if not continual, use of expletives. Does this bother her?

"They're just words, what the hell," she said as she turned her head showing one of those words written on the back of her hard hat.

Debbie says she may quit for a couple of months soon, and go up to a hunting camp she runs near Pinedale in Western Wyoming.

An avid outdoorswoman, she just wants to get away from the noise and bustle for a while and hunt, fish and canoe.

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Christmas Memories

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Our tree wears candle lights,
We sing the songs the angels sang
And thrill to simple sights,

Gramp tells us of the Three Wise Men
Who came to Bethlehem,
I dream a little girlish dream
In which I follow them,

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Reach out and take me by the hand
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Annette Victorin

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HOSPITAL NOTES

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
CENSUS REPORT 12-22-73

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	118	73	6	42
Pediatrics	25	15	0	10
Obstetrics	14	11	0	3
Intensive Care	7	3	0	4

Patients scheduled for admissiontoday: 0

CENSUS REPORT 12-23-73

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	118	64	6	51
Pediatrics	25	11	0	14
Obstetrics	14	8	0	6
Intensive Care	7	3	0	4

Patients scheduled for admission today: 1

CENSUS REPORT 12-24-73

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	118	69	6	46
Pediatrics	25	10	0	19
Obstetrics	14	6	0	8
Intensive Care	7	3	0	4

Patients scheduled for admission today: 0

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY: Released: 12-23-73
Mrs. Linda Ramsey and baby girl, Sikeston
Harold McClendon, Charleston
Imogene Hayden, Sikeston
Mrs. Norma Hoskins and baby girl, Morehouse
Marletta Warfield, Sikeston
Melissa Baker, Sikeston
Mrs. Gwendolyn Jackson and baby girl, East Prairie
Retha M. Jackson, Charleston
Kenneth Wasson, Sikeston
Richard Robinson, Sikeston
Laura B. Wallace, Charleston
Total patients discharged 14
Total patients admitted 15
Births 0

EMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident patients 5
Medical patients 46
Others 0
Total patients seen in the Emergency Room 51

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY: Released: 12-21-73
Reba K. Kestner, Sikeston
Christy Chandler, Charleston
Vernon Smith, Oran
Kathy Taylor, Lilbourn
Renee M. Poley, Wyatt
Nina Middleton, Sikeston
Opal D. Sasseen, Charleston
Eisie Matthews, Sikeston
Raymond Kirmaier, New Madrid
Hope Terrell, Sikeston
Hobert D. Beaton, Portageville
Thelma Dolan, New Madrid
James Husher, Sikeston
Mrs. Barbara Sailors and baby girl, Sikeston
William J. Cravens, New Madrid
Mary E. King, Sikeston
Stanley Gray, Sikeston
Alta Reed, Anniston
Billie J. Oldham, Sikeston
Ida Cranford, Sikeston
Clifton Reynolds, Clinton, Ky.
Montgomery Thomas, Oran
Gene Dorris, Lilbourn
Rosie Ross, New Madrid
Penny Kay Collins, Sikeston
Irma Allen, Sikeston
Total patients discharged 28
Total patients admitted 19
Births 3

EMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident Patients 6
Medical patients 22
Others 6
Total patients seen in the Emergency Room 34

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY: Released: 12-22-73
Betty Jo Watson, Sikeston
Thelma V. Allen, Parma
Diane Bronson, Carbondale, Ill.
Robert P. Williams, Sikeston
Mrs. Linda Manes and baby girl, Sikeston
Mrs. Sarah Fisher, Chaffee
Clyde R. Greer, Morehouse
Beverly Hale, East Prairie
Hattie M. Calhoon, Anniston
Mary L. Doggett, Sikeston
Matthew C. Frances, Kewanee
Ruth I. Smith, Perkins
Lula D. Milton, Sikeston
Lillian Rodman, Sikeston
Alonzo Mott, Sikeston
Leanne Rapert, Freeburg, Ill.
James W. Graham, Sikeston
Paula A. Helt, Cairo, Ill.
Margaret Lankheit, Charleston
Vester C. Smith, New Madrid
Fritz Bohnsack, Sikeston
Michale T. Allen, Sikeston
Total patients discharged 23
Total patients admitted 4
Births 0

cEMERGENCY DEPT.
Accident patients 11
Medical patients 32
Others 1
Total patients seen in the Emergency Room 44

DEXTER MEMORIAL:
Admitted:
Judith Bunch, Malden
Billie Frasier, Dexter
Fran Hanner, Dexter
Mark Claunch, Dexter

CHAFFEE GENERAL:
Admitted:
Mary Burton, Morley
Ruth Weber, Advance
Released:
Elva Bazzell, Jackson
Todd Irwin, Perkins
Bertha Phiffer and baby boy, Sikeston
Charlotte Jansen, Oran
Kelly Schraw, Cape Girardeau

PEMISCOT MEMORIAL:
Admitted:
Rena Payton, Caruthersville
Elsie Robinson, Caruthersville
Hubbie Sparksdale, Caruthersville
Edith Lewis, Caruthersville
Keith Stevenson, Caruthersville
Tessa Franklin, Caruthersville
Eddie Wright, Hayti
Robert Sherwood, Hayti
Lucy Harden, Hayti
Andy Baker, Portageville
Judy Rabey, Braggadocio
Hazel Lony, Corning, Ark.
Michele Grisson, Aliveville, Ala.

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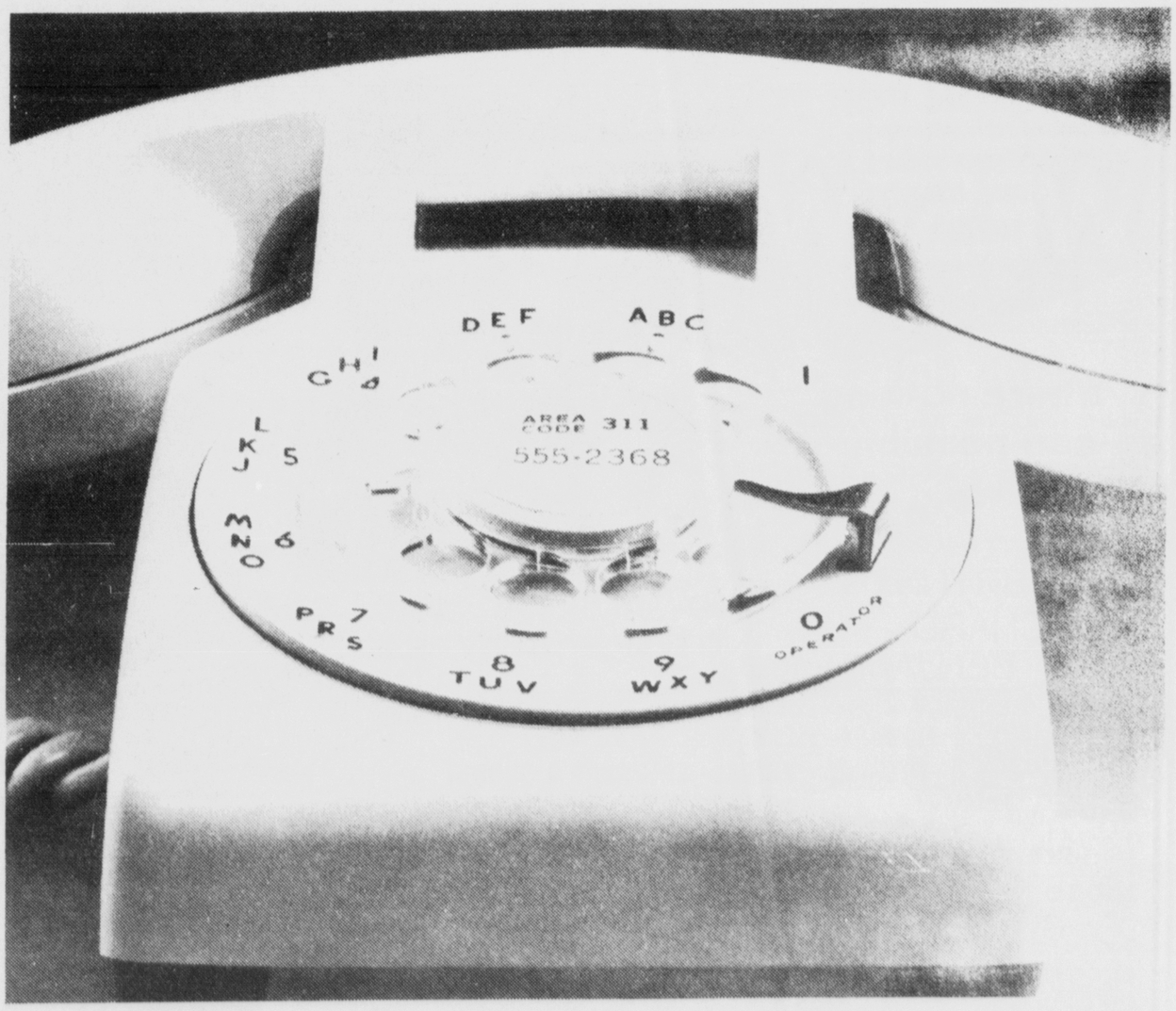

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Unofficial contract existed

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — An audit of the state Board of Training Schools released Friday by the state auditor revealed that "an unofficial contract existed and the state's normal bidding procedures" for office renovating work at the board's central office had been circumvented.

The report said an electrician had been paid for 98 hours by the board for renovation work at a rate of $5 per hour. The worker later endorsed his state check over to his regular commercial employer who then paid the worker for 22 hours at $7.70 per hour.

The employer kept the remainder of the state check as if the job had been performed on a regular contract basis, the audit report said.

The auditor's report said an unofficial contract may have existed and the Board of Training Schools should not have used the method of payment it did.

DR. LAWRENCE E. LAMB

Fad diets still bad

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am enclosing a copy of a diet I want you to think on. Is it safe?

DEAR READER — It is unsound, unscientific, and dangerous. The diet is one of those egg diets, or grapefruit diets. It is essentially a low carbohydrate diet that promises you will lose 20 pounds in two weeks. As a rule of thumb, any diet plan that promises you that you will lose more than two pounds a week is suspect. On a very restricted diet, you will have an initial loss of five or more pounds of body fluid and emptying out the digestive system, but that is not fat.

There are 3,500 calories in a pound of fat. Even quite active people usually do not use more than 3000 calories a day, and most people use far less. That means it is virtually impossible to lose a pound a day of just fat for most people. So, if you are losing more than a pound of fat, it means you are losing important body cells from your muscles, your heart, and other vital organs. Just stop and think. If your body uses only 2500 calories a day, you would still not lose a pound a day even if you ate nothing at all.

Incidentally, the famous clinic identified at the top of the diet plan you sent me disclaims any identification or responsibility for the origin of that particular horrible diet plan.

I am more and more convinced that a large number of people are actually harming their health with a variety of ill-conceived diet plans. You need good food to have a good health. The first prerequisite to looking nice is to have good health.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Please explain what is meant by a false positive in a blood test.

DEAR READER — The most common use of the term is in reference to the blood test for syphilis. Such tests are not 100 per cent accurate. There will be a small number of people who have never had syphilis at all who will have a positive blood test. After all the blood test depends upon certain chemicals in the blood which can develop from other causes.

The test is a very good one since there are only a small number of "false positives." Sometimes the false positive reaction is an indication that some completely unrelated medical problem exists.

The same principle applies to other blood tests. You can have a false positive reaction for tests used in diagnosing arthritis, for example.

And, how does the doctor know it is a false positive? He has to do other tests and these with his overall information on the problem enables him to determine which test is an accurate indicator and which one is not. There are other tests, besides the standard blood test used for screening, which he can use to tell if a person has had syphilis. When these more complex tests are done and are negative, then he has his answer.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Prayer for today

from the Upper Room

God slo loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

PRAYER: Our Father, fill our hearts with Your peace and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The energy of a single tornado has been estimated at a hundred million kilowatts, or one-third as much as the total electrical generating capacity in the United States.

LOOKING BACK

Close of Emergency Hospital announced

50 years ago
December 24, 1923

Matthews– G. F. Deane went to New Madrid Thursday on business.

Mrs. R. C. Finley is on the sick list this week.

Miss Maude Herring spent the weekend in Cape Girardeau.

Charleston-- Miss Lynn McPheeters has returned from a visit in St. Louis.

40 years ago
December 24, 1933

Miss Ruth Ward Powell, a student at Central College, Fayette, Mo., arrived home Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Powell.

Miss Lynette Stallcup, a student at Gulf Park College, Gulf Port, Miss., arrived home last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stallcup

January 1, 1934 will find the doors of the Emergency Hospital closed. This announcement is made with regrets by the physicians, surgeons and nurses who have labored faithfully for five years hoping against hope that a suitable building could be had and funds sufficient to enable the hospital to operate without loss.

The Sikeston High School Bulldogs won their opening game of the basketball season from the Blodgett team Wednesday by the score of 18 to 9.

30 years ago
December 24, 1943

Funeral services for Mrs. James N. Stephens, who died in Springfield last Wednesday, were conducted Saturday at Cape. She was born at Blodgett and had lived in Springfield 21 years, where her husband is employed by the Frisco railroad.

Mrs. Lacy Allard, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Wednesday, died Thursday. She had been visiting with her sisters at the Baker family residence, 817 North Kingshighway, at the time she suffered the fatal stroke.

Cpl. Lewis E. Hicks, who has been stationed at Camp Crowder with the army, came Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. B. E. Sizemore, until Sunday, when he will depart for the west coast, where he has been transferred.

Mrs. B. F. Blanton is confined to her home because of illness.

20 years ago
December 24, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eaker announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn, to Pvt. Ed Riefler, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Riefler of East St. Louis, Ill. No date has been set for the wedding.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wendell of Oran Tuesday at St. Francis Hospital in Cape.

Funeral services for Harry Hunter, 72, a retired farmer living in Morehouse, will be on the 27th. He died on Christmas Day at his home.

Cape Girardeau– Funeral services for Ray Anderson, 59, a former resident of Scott County, will be held on the 26th. He died Thursday of a heart ailment in a St. Louis hospital.

What's the law?

The case of the unheard whispers

By Jack Strauss, LL.B.

Barney couldn't write but he had plenty of pen pals. He was serving time in a penitentiary where everything was spoken in a whisper. And because Barney couldn't hear too well, to say nothing of anything said in a whisper, he demanded that the warden of the penitentiary provide him with a hearing aid.

The warden, however, turned a deaf ear to Barney's demand and Barney took his demand to court.

"Not being able to hear what's goin on," he complained to the judge, "Makes me feel like an outsider-- and I wish I were."

"What's spoken in a whisper," responded the warden, "probably shouldn't be heard by Barney in the first place. He should concern himself with keeping his nose clean and stop worrying about his ears."

IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, would you order the warden to provide Barney with a hearing aid?

This is how the judge ruled: NO! The judge held, in effect, that a court will not interfere with the decisions of a warden in the operation of a prison. If a warden and his medical department believe a hearing aid is unnecessary for a prisoner, concluded the judge, that's it.

(Based upon a 1964 Montana Supreme Court Decision)

Book Review

NET NET
by Isadore Barmarsh
Avon 14621/$1.50
320 pp.)

Barbara Bannon of Publishers Weekly so well sums up the appeal of Isadore Barmash's NET NET that her review stands alone in describing this novel which, doubtless due to its realism, has been banned in some of the discount department stores whose techniques and managers it so aptly — if irreverently — describes.

NET NET. Isadore Barmash. The author of the very funny and very accurate nonfiction "Welcome to Our Conglomerate, You're Fired" has come up with a dilly of a comic business novel that has excellent sales possibilities. Albert C. Miller, a kind of lovable Sammy Glick, has a genius for retailing in a highly personalized, zany way he can never explain. Gathering around him a group of "Yo-yos," whose ability to flim- flam and somehow come up with a winning combination is second only to his own, he builds up an incredible mercantile empire of discount houses. All goes well, including Al's happy marriage, his love affair with the nymphomaniac lady fashion buyer (eventually he gives her up for Ruthie and the kids). Them, Red Oval stores gets so big they are faced with going public, and Al, who loves being out in the field, has to bring in an outsider as president. What happens after this, as one hot shot administrator after another arrives on the scene, gives Mr. Barmash a chance to pull out all the stops, satirizing how Wall Street biggies operate, a frantic stockholders' meeting, and the way a nice boy who only wants to make money and have everybody love him can be taken. The fact that Mr. Barmash, reporter on retailing and assistant financial editor of the New York Times, obviously knows whereof he writes doesn't make his story any less full of laughs.

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Masonic officers installed

Installation ceremonies for 1974 officers of Sikeston Lodge No. 310 AF& AM were held Friday night at the Masonic Temple. New officers are: front row, from left, Leonard V. Colley, treasurer; H. Cline Carter, senior warden; Bobby R. Conley, worshipful master; Joseph W. Mills, junior warden; and Elbert F. Sloan, secretary; back row, Walter M. Rayburn, tiler; John M. Scarbrough, junior deacon; C. F. Cline, senior deacon; Theo Poindexter, junior steward; Kenneth Stallings, marshal; and Walter A. Powell, trustee.

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Officials say Kissinger optimistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has held several conversations with Henry A. Kissinger on the Mideast peace talks and officials describe the secretary of state as optimistic of progress.

Nixon, at Camp David, Md., talked several times Sunday by telephone with Kissinger on the Arab-Israeli talks in Geneva.

A high U.S. official described Kissinger as reasonably confident that Egypt and Israel will reach an agreement next month on a separation of their armies near the Suez Canal.

However, there may be problems and Kissinger could return to Geneva in January, the official said.

The secretary arrived back in Washington Saturday night after a 15-day, 13-nation journey through Western Europe and the Middle East.

Kissinger returned with a head cold and Nixon told him to "get some rest," a spokesman said. Nixon planned to meet personally with Kissinger this afternoon at the White House, the spokesman said.

During his weekend at his Maryland retreat, Nixon also examined more than 50 pieces of legislation approved by Congress in the closing days of its session.

The high U.S. official described Kissinger as reasonably confident that after the Dec. 31 Israeli elections there will be progress on disengagement on the Suez front.

Kissinger expects the negotiations then to move on to reopening the canal to Israeli shipping and the ships of all nations carrying goods to and from the Jewish state.

Kissinger told newsmen that only a United Nations representative, probably Maj. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo of Finland, will attend the military disengagement talks between Israel and Egypt.

The Soviet Union had exerted pressure to have Russian and American representatives at the negotiations.

At the same time, U.S. officials viewed a private call by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko on Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban as a "positive step."

They also noted that Gromyko and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy, while attacking Israel in public, carefully preserved room for negotiations with the Jewish state.

Jordan is seen as the most likely Arab state to come to terms with Israel. Kissinger expects an Israel-Jordan disengagement committee to be set up, possibly within the next two weeks, officials said.

Santa and Snoopy visit

Santa Claus and Snoopy were the center of attraction at a Christmas party sponsored by Sikeston Elks Ladies for their children and guests recently. Behind Snoopy and Santa, from left, are Stephen Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell; Michael Cokenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cokenour; and Jasen Bearden and his mother, Mrs. J. D. Bearden. Standing in front of Snoopy are Robert Dock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dock Jr.; and Johnny Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins.

River stages

MISSISSIPPI RIVER

	Flood	Now	Ch.
Chester	27	11.0	+1.2
Cape Girardeau	32	16.5	+.6
New Madrid	34	16.7	+.3
Caruthersville	32	18.0	Una

FORECAST

At Chester the river will rise .8 Tuesday; rise .2 Wednesday; and rise .2 Thursday.

At Cape Girardeau the river will rise 1.2 Tuesday; rise .3 Wednesday; and rise .5 Thursday.

At New Madrid the river will rise .4 Tuesday; rise .5 Wednesday; and rise .4 Thursday.

At Caruthersvillethe river will fall .3 by Tuesday; fall .2 Wednesday; and rise .2 Thursday.

OHIO RIVER

	Flood	Now	Ch.
Golconda	40	20.1	+.1
Paducah	39	18.8	+.5
Grand Chain	42	26.1	+.2
Cairo	40	25.9	-.1

Local stocks

	BID	ASK
1st Nat Bk of Sik	7	7½
Anheuser Busch	29¾	30½
Olson Bros	1	1½
Martha Manning	1	1½
Pabst Brewing	20¼	20¾
Chase Nat	6½	7½
Wetterau	14¼	14¾
LISTED STOCKS		
Allied Stores		20
American Tel & Tel		50½
American Motors		8½
Calvert Exp		3¾
Chrysler		15¼
Columbia Gas		25¼
Eaton MFG		24½
Ford Motors		40¾
General Motors		47
Interstate Brands		5
Malone & Hyde		18¼
Mid South Util		17
J. C. Penney		65¼
New England Elect		19
Occidental Pet		8¼
WalMart Stores		13½

EDITOR'S NOTE: The bid price is the approximate price if one were a seller and the asked price is the approximate price if one were a buyer. These are listings at the close of the previous market.

Livestock market

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Ill. (AP) — Estimated receipts for Wednesday: 6,000 hogs, 1,000 cattle and 100 sheep.

Hogs 5,500; trading moderately active. Very uneven. Butchers steady to weak, instances 25-50 lower. Sows steady to 3.00 higher. U.S. 1-2, 200-230 lb butchers mostly 42.50; around 200 head42.75 and around 35 head 43.00. U.S. 1-3, 200-220 lbs 42.00-42.50; 220-250 lbs 41.00-42.50. U.S. 1-3, 300-350 lb sows 35.00; 350-450 lbs 33.0034.00; 450-600 lbs 34.00. Boars 29.25-29.50 with weights under 250 lbs mostly 33.00-33.50, few 34.00.

Cattle 1,500; hazardous road conditions and pre-holiday market disrupted normal marketing practices. Slaughter steers 501.50 higher, heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Cows 1.00 higher, bulls fully steady.

Slaughter steers: choice 9501100 lbs yield grade 2-4, 42.0043.00; 1100-1200 lbs 40.50-42.00, few lots choice and prime near 1050 lbs yield grade 3-4, 43.00; 1100-1150 lbs 41.50-42.00. Load good and choice 1300 lb yield grade 2, 40.50, good Holsteins 1200 lbs yield grade 2, 38.00.

Slaughter heifers: choice 8001000 lbs yield grade 2-4, 40.5042.00; few loads choice and prime yield grade 3-4, 41.5042.00.

Cows: commercial 28.00-31.00, utility 29.00-33.00, few 34.00 cutter 26.00-30.00, canner 24.0026.00. Bulls: yield grade 1-2, 1100-1600 lbs 39.00-40.00, individual 41.00. Vealers: choice 55.0060.00. Feeders: few lots choice steers 800-900 lbs 41.00-43.00.

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CHRISTMAS EVE - DEC. 24, 1973

3:00 Glen Campbell — State Bank of Morehouse
3:30 Nat King Cole — Jean's Studio
4:00 Mitch Miller — Hart's Bread
4:30 Nashville Brass — Pizza Inn
5:00 The Night Before Christmas — Bootheel Dairy
5:30 A Christmas Carol — P. N. Hirsch
6:00 Andy Williams — Rye's Jewelry
6:30 Little Star of Bethlehem — Kingsway Plaza Mall Assoc.
7:00 Johnny Cash — Sikeston Light & Water
7:30 Mahailia Jackson — Sikeston Fire Dept.
8:00 David Rose — Sikeston Police Dept.
8:30 Charlie Pride — Shoe City
9:00 Barbara Streisand — McDonalds Restaurant

CHRISTMAS DAY — DEC. 25, 1973

8:30 Eddie Arnold — Watkins & Sons Funeral Homes
9:00 Wayne Newton — Malone & Hyde
9:30 Doris Day — Chiles-Cooper Funeral Chapel
10:30 Bobby Sherman — Shelby Funeral Homes
11:00 Perry Como — Hornback Grocery
11:30 Country Christmas — Herb Stephens Real Estate
12:30 T. Ernie Ford — Pyramid Roofing Co.
1:00 Nashville Christmas — Charlie Terrell
1:30 Ray Conniff — Scott-Huff Ins.
2:00 Living Strings — Liberty Food Store
2:30 Frank Sinatra — Noranda Company
3:00 George B. Shea — Welsh Funeral Home
3:30 Mitch Miller — Duffy, Rainey Funeral Home
4:00 Dean Martin — Lewis Furniture
4:30 Mormon Choir — Buckner-Ragsdale
5:00 Percy Faith — Bill O'Guinn Funeral Home
5:30 Jesus & Mary Choral Group — Sure Kill, Inc.
6:00 Robert Shaw — Imperial Floor Covering
6:30 Boston Pops — Lindsey's M & H
7:00 First Baptist Church Cantata
8:00 The Mesiah — Security National Bank

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City traffic near normal

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Highway traffic returned to near normal in the St. Louis area today, with the exception of occasional dense patches of fog on the highways.

State Police in Missouri and Illinois said Sunday night that temperatures in the upper 30's and a light rain helped clear the streets and highways of most of the packed snow ard ice that had made driving hazardous since a record snowfall on Wednesday.

Air travelers felt the effect of the fog Sunday as low visibility forced airport officials to divert nearly 100 incoming flights at Lambert St. Louis Municipal Airport.

Airline spokesmen said the terminal building at the airport was jammed with hundreds of passengers whose incoming flights went on to other cities in search of better landing conditions.

Spokesmen for the major bus lines in St. Louis said buses were still running behind schedule—but that clear highways were permitting them to make up some lost time.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I don't know my name yet, because I am only five hours old. I do know that I am a beautiful Baby Boy, because everybody says I am. All I want for Christmas is love. Love for my mommy and daddy, my grandparents, all my aunts and uncles, cousins, and all my friends. Also, Santa, please take care of me and my family and let us grow together with the spirit of Christmas.

Baby Boy Hopper

Dear Santa,

My name is Tommy and I am 7. I am in Mrs. Schumacher's room. I have been good this year. I would like to have a Rescue Rig and a Superman doll my sister Tara want's a table and chair set.

Please bring my brother Todd a play horse.

We will leave cocoa and cookiers under the tree for you.

Love
Tommy Hughes

Dear Santa Claus,

I am 9 years old. And I go to Lee Hunter school. For Christmas I would like a 410 shot gun and a G.I' Joe and a Santa Claus doll. That go Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas and roller skates.

Thank you
Tommy Stone

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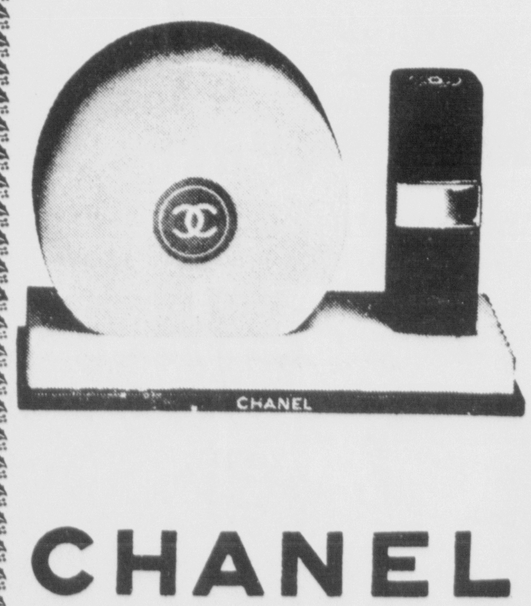

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Deaths

LULA WALLACE

CONRAN -- Lula Wallace died Sunday in Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital at Hayti.

The body is at DeLisle Funeral Home in Portageville where arrangements are imcomplete.

EMIL DOHOGNE

KELSO — Emil E. Dohogne, 88, died Sunday at Cape LaCroix Manor in Cape Girardeau.

Born April 4, 1885, he was the son of the late Constantine Dohogne and Rosena Heisserer and was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Kelso.

On Aug. 5, 1908, he married Dora Welter who preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1967.

Surviving are one son, Walter Dohogne of Kelso; four daughters, Mrs. Earl Robert, Mrs. Edward Gerecke, Mrs. James Wulfers of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Odis Randolph of St. Louis; one brother, Ben Dohogne of Phoeniz, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. Alvina Seyer of Oran; and 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Amick-Burnett Funeral Home in Illmo after 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday in St. Augustine Catholic Church with Msgr. Joseph Keusenkothen officiating.

Burial will be in the church cemetery.

SHELIA ANN EIFERT

SCOTT CITY — Shelia Ann Eifert infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricahrd R. Eifert, died at birth, at 11:28 a.m. Sunday at Fenton Clinic in Oran.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, are one sister, Michelle Eifert of the home; paternal grandfather, Richard Eifert of Cape Girardeau; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Parker of Jackson; paternal great- grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turk Eifert of Illmo; and maternal great- grandmothers, Mrs. Hazel Parker of Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Marie Kimbel of Neelys Landing near Jackson.

Graveside rites were conducted at 10 a.m. today at Lightner Cemetery near Illmo.

DORA M. BULLINGTON

PORTAGEVILLE -- Dora May Bullington, 68, died Thursday in Pemiscot County Memorial Hospital at Hayti.

A lifelong resident, she was born Nov. 16, 1905 to the late William Henry and Louise Estes.

She was married in 1935 to Felix A. Bullington, who died in 1955.

Survivors include three sisters, Lora Ella Johnson of Maryland Heights, Rosa Lee Gremard and Nera Frances Maloney of Portageville.

Services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Adams officiating.

Burial was in Portageville Cemetery with DeLisle Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

BEN SIMPKINS

EAST PRAIRIE-- Ben H. Simpkins, 80 of Star Route died at 3 p.m. Saturday in Missouri Delta Community Hospital at Sikeston after a brief illness.

A retired farmer, he was born Sept. 16, 1893 in Hornersville to the late Mr. and Mrs. John Simpkins.

A resident of Mississippi County for 20 years, he was a member of First Baptist Church.

His first wife, Mary Janes Owens Simpkins, preceded him in death Jan. 22, 1956. On Sept. 29, 1956, he married Gertie Hale, who survives.

Other survivors are four sons Carl Simpkins of East Prairie, Johnny Simpkins of Charleston and Roy and Jimmy Simpkins of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Eli Threasher of Barlow, Ky. and Mrs. James Prince of Charleston; one sister, Mrs. Pearl McMahan of East Prairie; two stepsons, Wilbur Hale of Arnold and Donnie Wolford of East Prairie; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Jack Achter and Mrs. Charles Brown of East Prairie and Mrs. Jerry Moore of Arnold; and 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and nine stepgrandchildren.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. today at McMikle Funeral Home by the Revs. Ted Wimberley, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Winfred Caudill, pastor of First Church of God.

Burial was in Dogwood Cemetery.

MYRTIS MAINORD

EAST PRAIRIE-- Mrs. Myrtis Mainord, 79, of Route One died at 11 p.m. Friday in Southeast Missouri Hospital at Cape Girardeau following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 15, 1894 in East Prairie to the late Mr. and Mrs. William Scott.

A lifelong resident of Mississippi County, she was a member of First Christian Church.

On March 31, 1913, she married Miles Frank Mainord, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lauranna Clevidence of East Prairie and Mrs. Mary Beth Keasler of Tulsa, Okla.; four sons, Robert Mainord of Neferland, Tex., Scott and Milas Rex Mainord of East Prairie and Bill Mainord of Ridge Farm, Ill.; and 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 10 a.m. today at Shelby Funeral Home by the Rev. Lee Erwin, pastor of First Christian Church.

Burial was in East Prairie Memorial Park Cemetery.

MARTIN A. PERKINS

EAST PRAIRIE-- Martin Andrew "Curley" Perkins, 69, of 210 N. Garfield, a retired farmer, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday at his home after a brief illness.

He was born April 1, 1904 in Morganfield, Ky., to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perkins.

He had lived in Scott and Mississippi Counties most of his life and was a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church in Charleston.

Survivors include his widow, Gertrude Perkins of Portageville; three sons, Charles, Paul and Tommy Perkins of Portageville; three daughters, Mrs. Gail Bradford of Portageville, Mrs. Barbara Jean Quick of Chicago and Mrs. Patricia Smith of Oklahoma City; one brother, Si Perkins of Dallas, Tex.; and three sisters, Mrs. Rose Holmes of Diehlstadt and Mrs. Fred Marstella and Miss Agnes Perkins of Indianapolis, Ind.

The body is at McMikle Funeral Home in Charleston where friends may call after 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Services are scheduled at 9 a.m. Wednesday in St. Henry's Catholic Church with Msgr. Charles P. Schmitt officiating.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery near Charleston.

St. Henry's parish family will assemble for scripture reading and prayer at 4 p.m today in the funeral home.

BERTHA TAYLOR

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Mrs. Bertha Tucker Taylor, formerly of Sikeston, Mo., died at 8 p.m. Sunday at Carle Hospital.

She married Ralph Tucker, who preceded her in death in 1965, and later married Forrest Taylor, who died in 1969.

Surviving are one daughter, Marlyn Bemunger of Champaign; three sisters, Avis Taylor of Sikeston, Beulah Rayon of Roledo and Mrs. Clarence Ives of Macomb; four brothers, Don Crandall of Dearborn, Mich., Gene Crandall of Roseville, Gerald Crandall of Kirkwood and Paul Crandall of Avon, Ill.; and one granddaughter.

Services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Heath Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda Jordon officiating.

Burial will follow in East Lawn Cemetery.

IRENE COOPER

Irene Cooper, 65, of Route One died at 9:55 a.m. today in Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

A retired employe of the International Shoe Co., factory she was born May 3, 1908.

She is survived by her widower, Henry J. Cooper; one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Dalton of Chaffee; two sons, Terry Cooper of Doniphan and Roger Cooper of Brookfield; three sisters, Mrs. Jo Mason and Mrs. Lucille Wallen of Sikeston and Mrs. Lula Woody of Charlotte, N.C.; two brothers, David Cline of Sheffield, Ala., and Paul Cline of Vienna, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The body is at Nunnelee Funeral Chapel where arrangements are incomplete.

TRESA L. WHITEHEAD

DEXTER — Tresa Laura Whitehead, 81, died Saturday in Poplar Bluff Hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1892 at Bernie and was a member of the Nazarene Church.

On Nov. 30, 1913, she married Thomas Whitehead, who preceded her in death June 8, 1969.

Survivors include one son, Avery Whitehead of Pontiac, Mich. four daughters, Edna Williams of Yukon, Betty Couch of Pontiac, Mich., Wanda Couch of Flint, Mich., and Delta Ivy of Dexter; three brothers, Milton Stafford of Campbell, Willie Stafford of St. Louis and John Stafford of Sikeston; and 11 grandchildren and 13 great- grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Tuesday at Duffie- Rainey Funeral Home in Bernie where services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. John Coats officiating.

Burial will be in Bernie Cemetery.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas my name is Toby Michelle Hopper. I am four months old, and so far, I have been a very good little girl. For Christmas I would like a crib gym set, a playpen, a highchair, my own little lamp, a pretty red dress, soem fun toys and rattlers for when I'm a little older, some ribbons for my pretty long hair, and a nice, safe world to grown up in . Don't forget my mommy and daddy, my grandparents, my aunts and uncles, my three boy cousins, and all my friends, 'cause I love them all.

Toby Michelle Hopper

Five most active

Dow Jones Industrial Averages at noon were down 8.84 on a volume of 6.50 million shares.

NYSE MOST ACTIVE:

Bantor-Punta	4 3/8	+1/4
Goodyear	13 1/4	+1/8
Westghs	25	+5/8
Chrysler	15	-1/4
Utah Intern.	47	-3 5/8

LISTED STOCKS

Amer Tele	49 3/4
Anheuser Busch	29 1/2
Butler Natl	1 5/8
Cooper Tire	8 1/8
Evans Prod.	9 1/8
Feld Leasing	6 1/4
Ford	39 1/8
Manchester Life	3 1/8
Gen. Mtrs.	46 3/4
Interco	22 3/4
Behtlehem Steel	32 3/4
Malone & Hyde	18 3/8
Mid Am. Great Plains	—
Noranda Mines	49 1/4
R. J. Reynolds	38 1/2
Redman	3 7/8
Rival Mfg.	24 3/4
St. Joe Mineral	34 1/4
Texaco	26 7/8
TransAmerica	8 1/4
Wetterau Foods	14 5/8

These quotations were provided at 11 a.m. today by Don Sarno, account executive, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc., 220 N. Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo. 63102. Call toll- free1-800 392-3430.

The oil shortage is the greatest book Amtrak ever got to put itself back on the rails.

Kids these days have to help Dad with the homework.

WINTER'S GRANDEUR reflects the friendly sunshine in this scene at the country club in Fairfield, Iowa. The photographer made it facing the sun's glare in mid-afternoon. Footprints and snowmobile tracks uneven the placid snow.

Weather elsewhere

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	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany	34	4		clr
Albu'que	35	24	.01	cdy
Amarillo	51	26		sn
Anchorage	20	17	.07	M
Asheville	55	28		cdy
Atlanta	57	33		cdy
Birmingham	56	44		rn
Bismarck	20	17	.01	sn
Boise	44	29	.12	cdy
Boston	39	22		clr
Brownsville	79	68		cdy
Buffalo	31	13		cdy
Charleston	57	39		clr
Charlotte	55	32		cdy
Chicago	34	29	T	rn
Cincinnati	41	37		rn
Cleveland	32	28	.01	cdy
Denver	35	27	1.37	sn
Des Moines	29	26	.15	rn
Detroit	33	19		rn
Duluth	22	18		cdy
Fairbanks	-12	-20		M
Fort Worth	66	44	.12	cdy
Green Bay	28	21		cdy
Helena	34	25	.01	clr
Honolulu	80	65	.08	cdy
Houston	70	64	.08	cdy
Ind'apolis	37	35	.01	rn
Jacks'ville	63	33		clr
Juneau	29	26	.14	M
Kansas City	44	40	.49	rn
Little Rock	66	47	.67	rn
Los Angeles	M	M	M	clr
Louisville	46	39	.02	rn
Marquette	20	-2	.01	clr
Memphis	60	48	.77	rn
Miami	71	63		cdy
Milwaukee	34	31		rn
Mpls-St.P.	28	24		sn
New Orleans	71	62	.11	rn
New York	42	27		clr
Okla. City	M	M	M	rn
Omaha	29	25	.17	rn
Philad'phia	M	M	M	clr
Phoenix	62	35		clr
Pittsburgh	33	30		cdy
P'tland, Ore.	53	41	.01	rn
P'tland, Me.	31	16	.01	clr
Rapid City	28	25		cdy
Richmond	53	31		cdy
St. Louis	37	33	.12	rn
Salt Lake	37	25	.05	cdy
San Diego	62	49		clr
San Fran	53	49		cdy
Seattle	48	42		rn
Spokane	38	32	.01	rn
Tampa	68	50		cdy
Washington	48	36		cdy

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WEDNESDAY

"Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest?" —Acts 7:49.

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Police are searching for a man thought to be in his early 20s who put gas in his car Saturday at Clinton Baugher's self- service station on East Malone Avenue and left without paying for it.

Baugher told police the man was driving a white camper van and headed east on East Malone.

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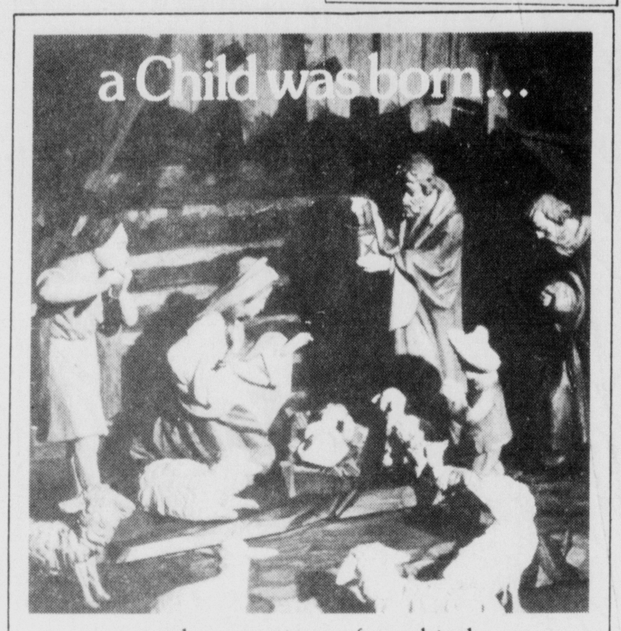

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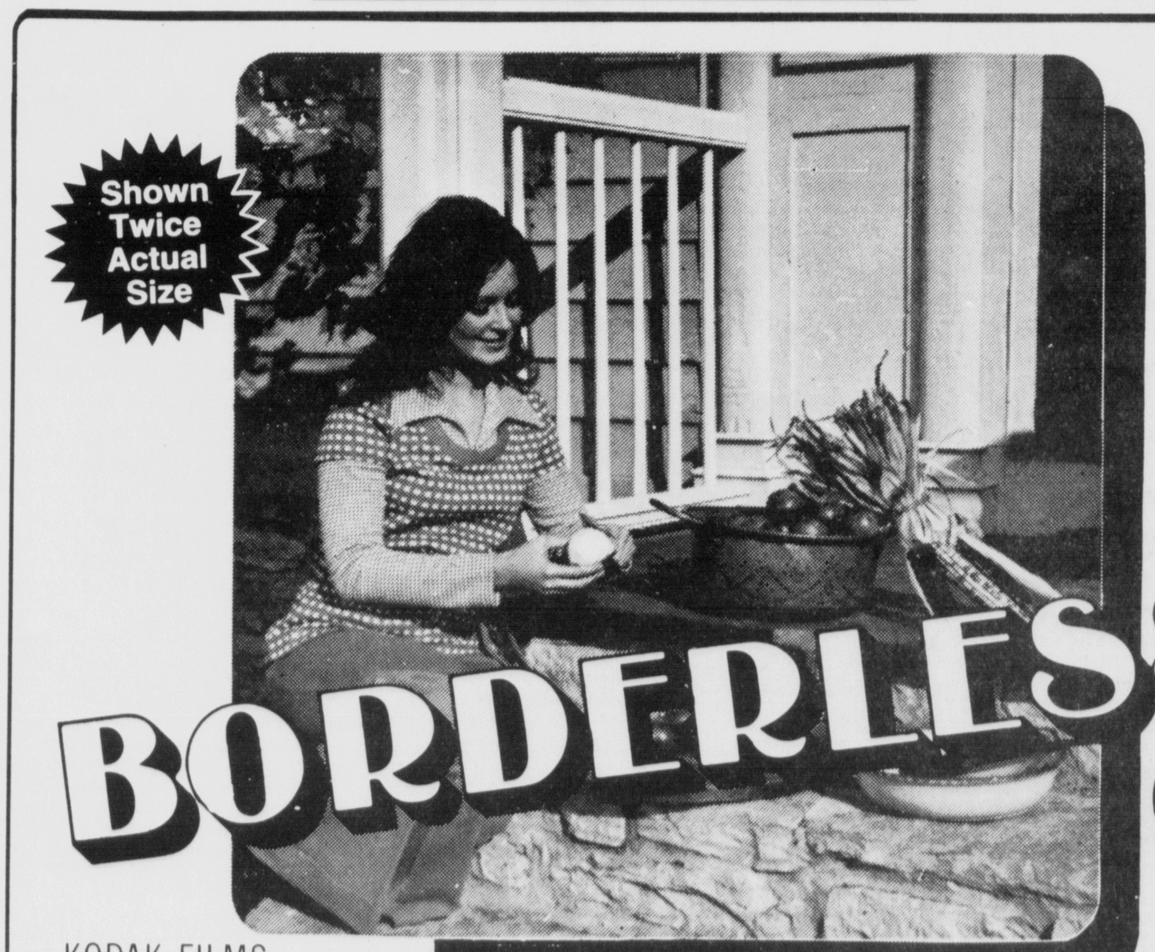

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Bulldogs bow out of Holiday tourney

By STUART McGHEE

BLOOMFIELD--- The second round of the 17th Annual Bloomfield Christmas Tournament got underway Saturday night with Parma beating Oran 62- 61 in the opening game, while Neelyville took Dexter 81- 47, Kennett turned back Sikeston 72- 52 and Bell City dropped a 71- 49 decision to Poplar Bluff.

Rolly Perkins led the Parma Pirates to a 62- 61 victory over the Oran Eagles in what proved to be the most exciting game of the night. The Pirates took an opening lead of 15- 10 in the first quarter only to fall behind 44- 36 at the half. With a determined drive the Pirates outscored the Eagles 18- 14 in the third quarter making the score 48- 39 in favor of the Eagles. Parma had a 23 point fourth quarter that gave them the lead and eventually the victory.

High point man for the Pirates was Rolly Perkins with 32 points followed by Ricky Barnes with 8. Ronnie Hurst paced the Eagles with 30 points. Following Hurst was Curtis Caldwell with 13.

In the second game of the evening, top- seeded Neelyville made short work of the Dexter Bearcats.

The Tigers jumped out in front of the Bearcats in the first quarter 21- 6. The Tigers worked the Bearcats over again in the second quarter outscoring them 25- 13 for a halftime score of 46- 19. Third quarter action was a bit closer with Neelyville scoring 19 compared to 16 for Dexter. The Bearcats outscored the Tigers in the fourth quarter 18- 16 but this effort fell short. The final score:
Neelyville 81- Dexter 47.

Tommy Robinson led the Tigers with 24 points followed by Ronnie Hoggard with 13. High point man for the Bearcats was Mike Cooksey with 14. Mark Clippard was next with 10.

The fifth ranked Kennett Indians easily defeated the Sikeston Bulldogs 72- 52.

In the first quarter the Bulldogs showed a possible upset in the making as they outscored the Indians 13- 10. The Indians stood tough throughout the rest of the first half as they outscored the Bulldogs 20- 4 in the second quarter for a 30- 17 half time lead. Indian dominance was shown through the third quarter as they outscored the Bulldogs 28- 7. The scoring totals of the fourth quarter was a bit turned around with the Bulldogs scoring 28 to 14 for the Indians.

The top scorer for the Indians was Ben McCraken with 24 points. Following McCraken was Robert Roundtree with 22. Roger Tillman and Vangalee West were the leading scorers for the Bulldogs with eight points each.

In the final game of the night, fourth seeded Poplar Bluff easily defeated the Bell City Cubs 71- 49.

In the first quarter Poplar Bluff took the lead outscoring the Cubs 17- 8. The second quarter was closer with Bell City scoring 13 to 17 for the Mules. Poplar Bluff had the lead at the half 34- 21. The game remained close through the third quarter with Poplar Bluff outscoring the Cubs 16- 14. In the fourth quarter Poplar Bluff hit for 21 points while the Cubs hit for 14 to make the final score 71- 49.

High point men for the Mules were Bruce Dameworth with 16 and Robert Dodd with 16. For the Cubs, Joe Brown hit for 20 points. Joe Stephens was next with eight.

SCORING:

PARMA (62)
Rolly Perkins 32, Gaines 6, Gibson 6, Ramsey 2, Ross 4, Barnes 8, Thatch 4. Totals: FG— 29; FT—4, PF— 12
ORAN (61)
Hurst 30, Caldwell 13, Friga 6, LeGrand 12. Totals: FG— 28; FT— 5; PF— 10

Score By Quarters:
Parma 15 6 18 23— 62
Oran 10 4 14 13— 61

NEELYVILLE (81)
Robinson 24, Hoggard 13, Johnson 11, Walters 9, Purdom 8, Whitehan 6, Haynes 7, Emmons 2, Palley 2, Smith 2. Totals: FG— 39; FT— 3; PF— 15
DEXTER(47)
Cocksey 14, Clippard 10, Reynolds 8, Miller 4, Backfish 4, Ayres 4, Mathis 2, Espey 1. Totals: FG— 18; FT— 11; PF— 8

Score By Quarters:
Neelyville 21 25 19 16— 81
Dexter 6 13 10 18— 47

KENNETT (72)
McCraken 24, Roundtree 22, Williams 14, Miltenberger 8, Shands 4. Totals: FG— 32; FT— 8; PF— 20
SIKESTON (52)
Couch 2, Bauman 4, West 8, Jones 4, Wissman 3, Tillman 8, Marks 6, Dockins 3, Pressley 4. Totals: FG— 23; FT— 6; PF— 12

Score By Quarters:
Kennett 10 20 25 14— 72
Sikeston 13 4 7 28— 52

POPLAR BLUFF (71)
Brown 4, Jones 7, Matthews 6, Casey 4, Johnson 5, Dodd 16, Harrell 11, Daneworth 16. Totals: FG— 31; FT— 9; PF— 12
BELL CITY (49)
Stephens 8, Brown 20, Rivers 6, Fitts 8, Scherer 2, Eakins 5. Totals: FG— 22; FT— 5; PF— 14

Score By Quarters:
Poplar Bluff 17 17 16 21— 71
Bell City 8 13 14 14— 49

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High School Basketball

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Kennett 72, Sikeston 52
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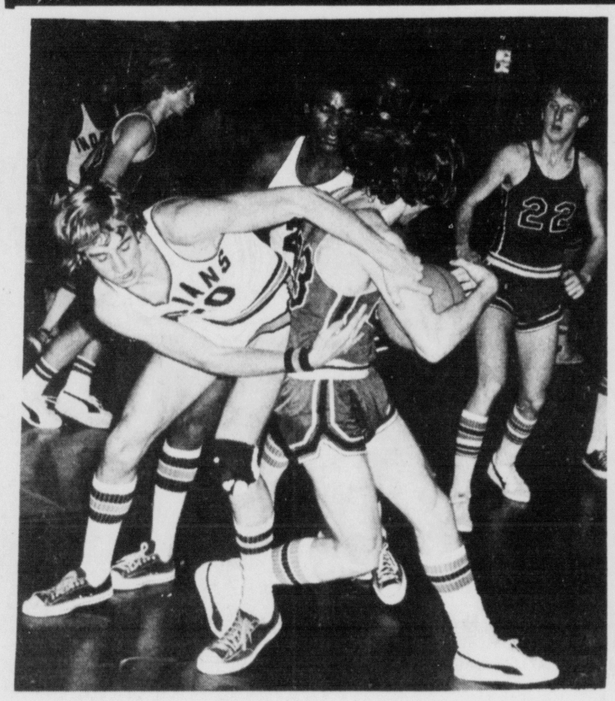
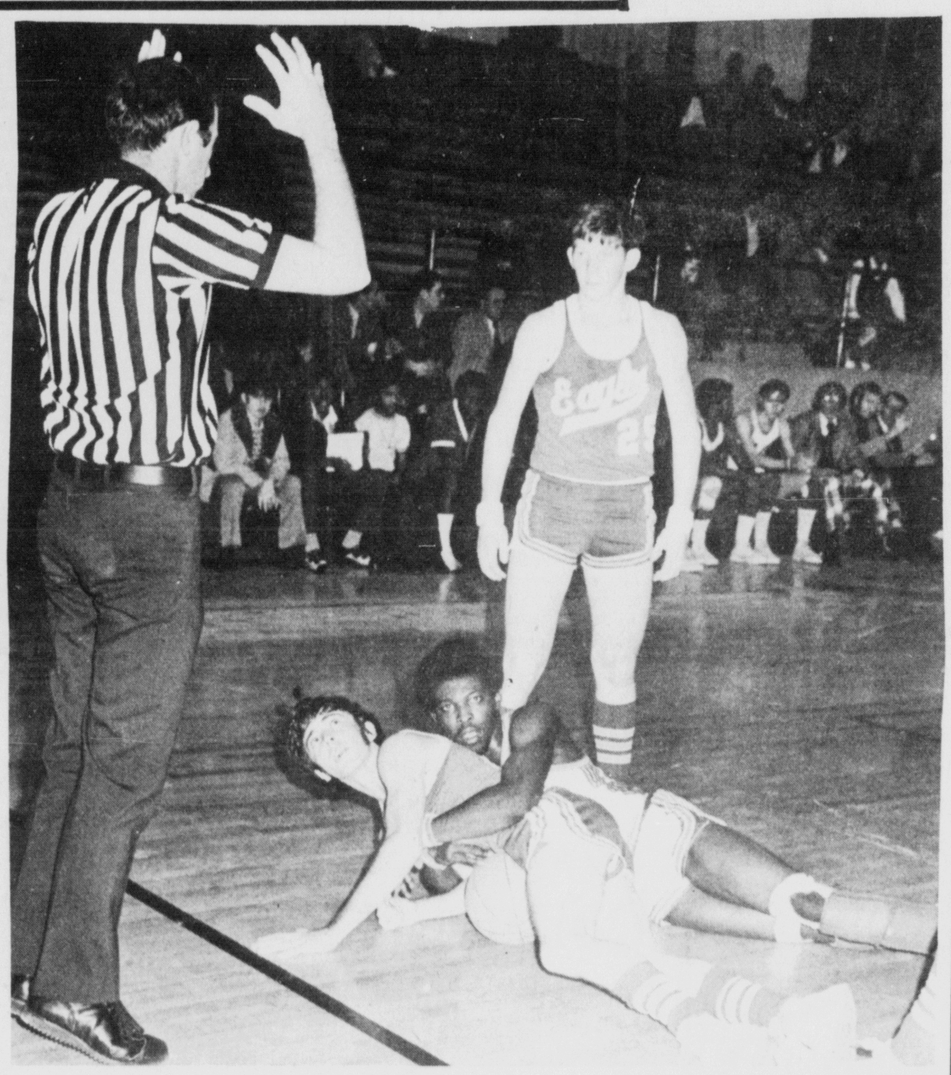
WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Cape Holiday Tournament
Meadow Heights vs. College High (9:00) AM
Oak Ridge vs. Woodland (10:30) AM
Delta vs. Charleston (12:00)
Jackson vs. Leopold (1:30)
Clearwater vs. Portageville (3:00)
Kelly vs. Illmo-Scott City (4:30)
Notre Dame vs. Chaffee (7:00)
Cape Central vs. Scott Central (8:30)
Bloomfield Holiday Tourney
Parma vs. Neelyville (4:30)
Kennett vs. Poplar Bluff (6:00)
Malden vs. Matthews (7:30)
Advance vs. Puxico (9:00)
Flat River Holiday Tourney
Flat River Central vs. Leadwood (6:00)
North County vs. Windsor (7:30)
Perryville vs. St. Vincent (9:00)



Kennett's Kevin Gamble tries to rip the basketball away from Sikeston's Donnie Taylor during action at the Bloomfield Christmas tournament Saturday night.



Basketball official Buddy Godwin calls a jump ball as Parma's Rolly Perkins (white uniform) battles an unidentified Oran cager for a loose ball during holiday tournament action Saturday night at Bloomfield. Oran's Matt LeGrand (25) checks out the officials call.

Tourney resumes Wednesday

Holiday basketball tournament action picks up Wednesday with the opening of the Cape Girardeau and Flat River events and the continuation of the Bloomfield classic.

Action gets underway in the Cape College High day long event at 9 a.m. Wednesday with the first of eight games.

Tourney play starts at 6 p.m. at Flat River and 4:30 at Bloomfield.

Pro basketball

By The Associated Press
NBA
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Boston	26	6	.813	—
New York	20	15	.571	7 1/2
Buffalo	15	20	.429	12 1/2
Philadelphia	11	23	.324	16

Central Division

Capital	18	13	.581	—
Atlanta	16	17	.485	3
Cleveland	14	23	.378	7
Houston	11	25	.306	9 1/2

Western Conference
Midwest Division

Milwaukee	27	7	.794	—
Chicago	26	10	.722	2
Detroit	22	14	.611	6
K. C.- Omaha	12	25	.324	16 1/2

Pacific Division

Los Angeles	20	15	.571	—
Golden St.	16	15	.516	2
Portland	15	20	.429	5
Phoenix	13	22	.371	7
Seattle	14	26	.350	8 1/2

Saturday's Games
New York 99, Detroit 88
Cleveland 108, Atlanta 98
Capital 98, Houston 89
Chicago 110, Golden State 86
Kansas City- Omaha 122, Buffalo 112
Phoenix 121, Milwaukee 112
Portland 110, Philadelphia 105
Sunday's Games
Capital 110, Buffalo 85
Cleveland 99, Houston 91
Boston 96, Seattle 95
Kansas City- Omaha 101, Golden State 93
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Capital at New York
Los Angeles at Phoenix

ABA
East Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	23	13	.639	—
Carolina	23	14	.622	1/2
Kentucky	21	13	.618	1
Virginia	9	22	.290	11 1/2
Memphis	9	27	.250	14

West Division

Utah	20	15	.571	—
Indiana	18	17	.514	2
San Antonio	19	18	.514	2
Denver	16	16	.500	2 1/2
San Diego	17	20	.459	4

Saturday's Games
Denver 113, Carolina 108
Utah 86, Kentucky 82
Virginia 107, Indiana 100
San Diego 129, San Antonio 123, overtime

Pro football

By The Associated Press
NFL PLAYOFFS
SEMIFINALS
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Saturday's Game
Minnesota 27, Washington 20
Sunday's Game
Dallas 27, Los Angeles 16
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
Saturday's Game
Oakland 33, Pittsburgh 14
Sunday's Game
Miami 34, Cincinnati 16

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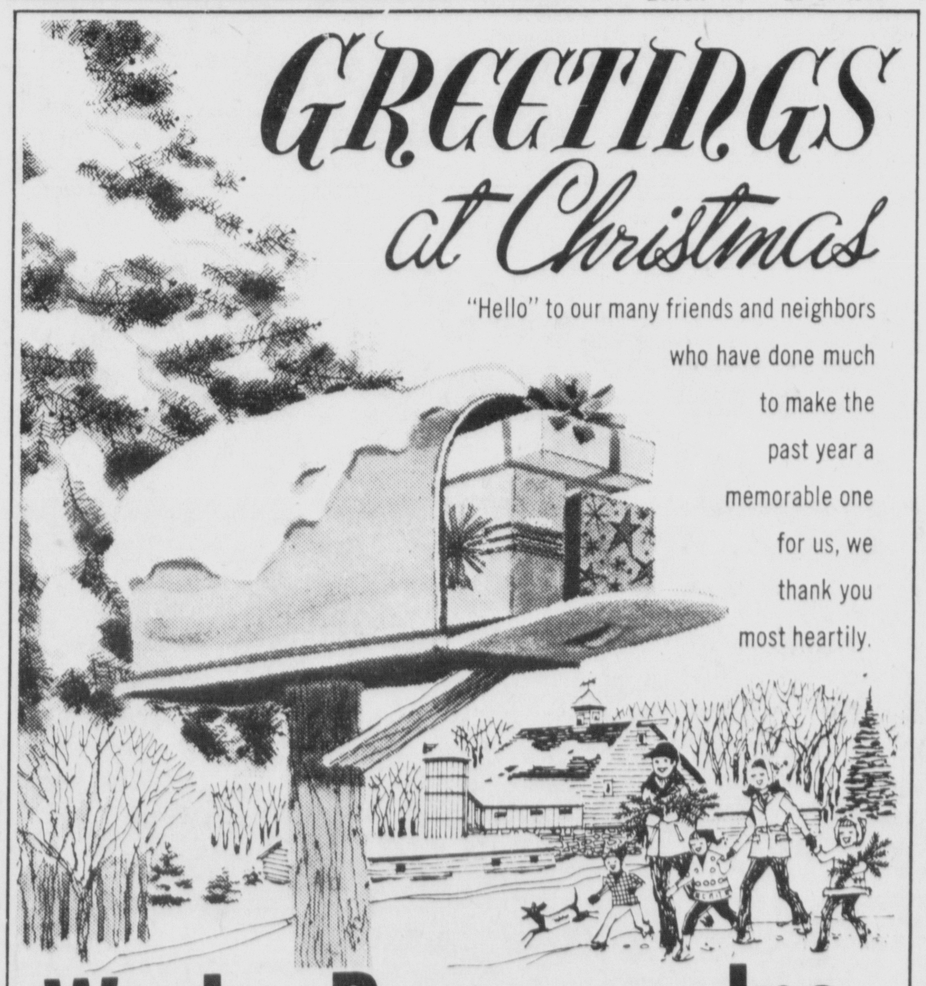

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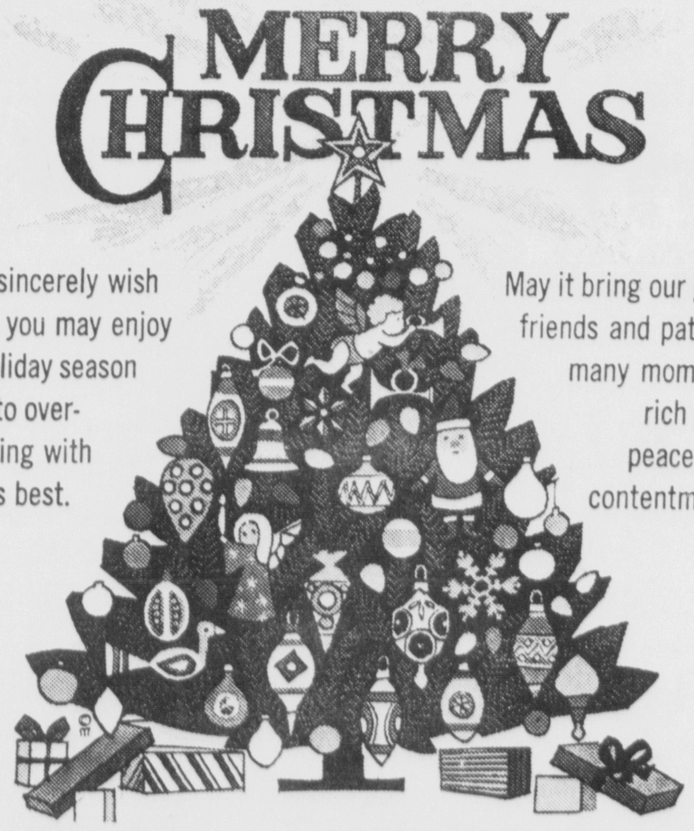

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Mr. Basketball eats his words

Daily Standard sportswriter, Bill Harrison, seems to enjoy eating his words that Lilbourn coach Larry Warren is feeding him after the Panthers defied "Mr. Basketball's" prediction and defeated the Kelly Hawks 77-73 Saturday night in a battle of the top two rated teams in the district.

Lilbourn prevails

BENTON — That familiar chant of "We're Number One" rang out from the Lilbourn high cheering section Saturday night and echoed throughout the Kelly high gym as the Daily Standard's second rated LHS Panthers toppled the high flying Hawks 77-73 for their 14th straight victory of the season without a defeat.

Kelly was the number one team in Southeast Missouri, according to the latest Daily Standard basketball Missouri, according to the latest Daily Standard basketball poll as selected by a 15 - member panel of coaches, while the Panthers were second after a two week hold on the top spot.

Coach Larry Warren's cagers unwrapped the early Christmas gift for their coach, charging from a five point second half deficit into the victory behind a late game shooting and rebounding spree.

The game was a classic battle as both teams enjoyed five point advantages at one time or another during the clash while the lead swapped hands 13 times and the game was tied six.

Lilbourn's pressure defense finally got the Kelly offense late in the game, forcing a trio of costly errors during the closing minutes of the battle. The Panthers defense wore down the KHS ball handlers, forcing the late game miscues.

Fouls played an important role in the game as both teams lost key players via that route. Lilbourn had to give up the services of 6 - foot- Ed Farr early in the game and quickly lost a two point advantage as Kelly built a five point lead before the return of the Panthers big rebounding machine in the second half.

Kelly gave up the services of their big 6-foot- 5 Russ Mothershead through most of the second half as Lilbourn failed to gain any ground, but after the return and the fouling out of the big Haw star, the Panthers took complete charge of the action and wiped out a five point KHS lead.

Lilbourn's late game flurry was sparked by the injured Claude McFerren, who came back late in the game to aid the Panthers in their ball handling and defense, after suffering a severely sprained ankle.

Sophomore Frankie Robinson and senior Carl Leadows teamed for 45 points, scoring 24 and 21 respectively, in leading the Panthers offensive assault. Robinson demonstrated his touch from the 20-25 foot range while Meadows kept the Hawks honest on the inside with his rebounding and scoring.

Jeff "Jethro" Jackson, Kelly's all-state baseball star, was unstoppable by the Lilbourn offense, scoring 28 points and pulling as many rebounds. The big 6-foot- 3 athlete even took his turn at bringing the ball down against the tough LHS defense.

Lilbourn out-shot the Hawks from the field, 31-26 while the Hawks hit on 21 of 24 charity shots to stay in the game.

The victory helped somewhat in avenging last season's loss to the Hawks in the state tournament, but may have given the KHS unit the uppherhand in any future meetings as the Hawks now have something to avenge.

Lilbourn's drive toward the top of The Daily Standard poll might still be null, if the unbeaten Neelyville Tigers come through in the Bloomfield tourney.

The Panthers made a sweep of the night's action as the LHS junior varsity started the evening with a 52-35 win behind the 18 point leadership of Ronnie Baker. Ron Schlosser had 14 for the Hawsk top effort.

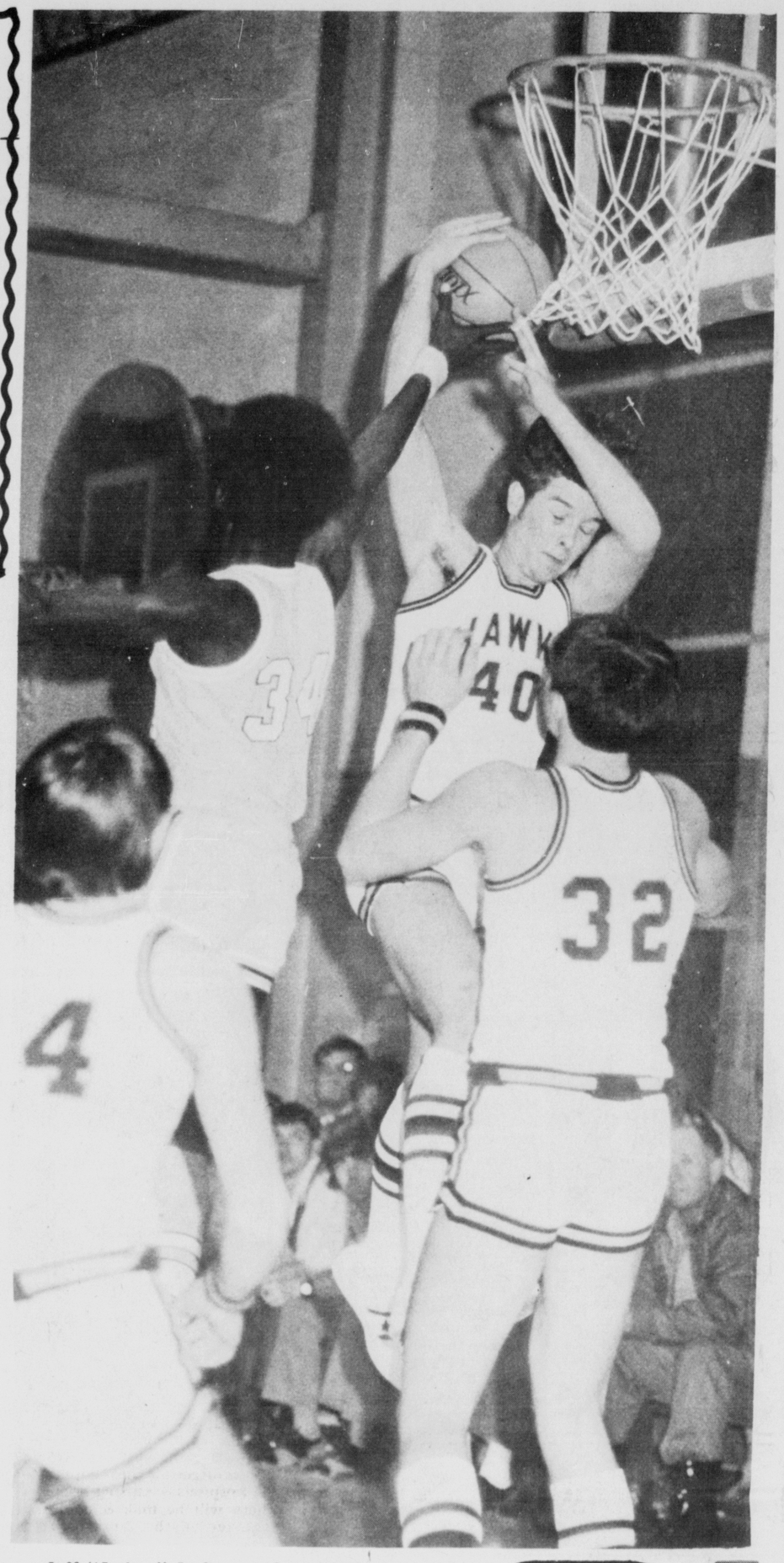
Scorong:

KELLY (73)
Jeff Jackson 28, Kelly Urhahn 14, Kern 7, Mothershead 6, Mike Brasher 11, Felter 7. Totals: FG-26; FT-21; PF-18

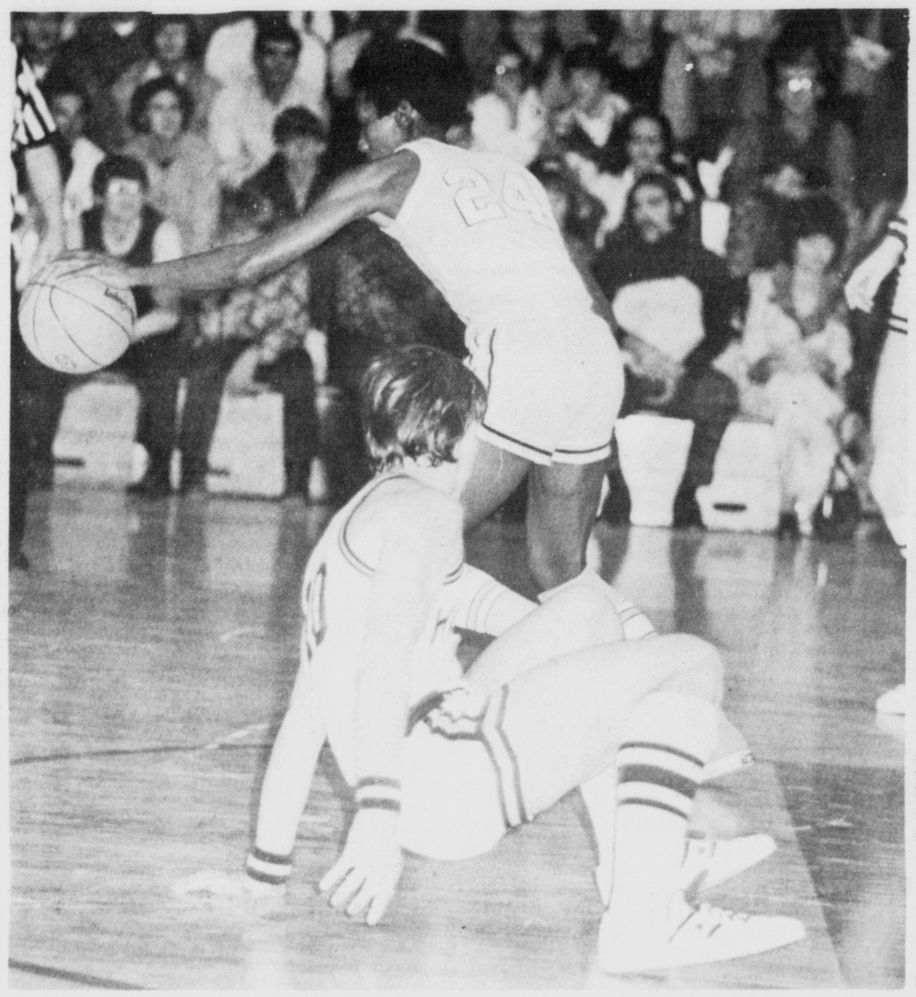
LILBOURN (77)
Farr 8, Meadows 21, C. McFerren 12, Frankie Robinson 24, Ernest McFerren 10, Treadwell 2. Totals: FG-31; FT-15; PF-17

Score by Quarters:

Kelly	20	21	18	14	73
Lilbourn	18	19	21	18	77



Jeff "Jethro" Jackson (40) pulls down one of the many rebounds he collected Saturday night in trying to keep his Kelly Hawks teammates on top of the Daily Standard ratings. Despite the 6-foot-3 athletes 28 point and 22 rebound production, the Lilbourn Panthers remained undefeated with a 77-73 win.



Sophomore Frankie Robinson of the Lilbourn Panthers demonstrates his ball handling maneuvers against Kelly's Kenny Urhahn during regular season action at Kelly high Saturday night that matched the district's top two teams. Robinson led the 77-73 LHS victory with 24 points.

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College basketball

Saturday's College Basketball Results
By The Associated Press

EAST
Ashland 66, Wooster 64
Furman 85, Niagara 79
Pitt 86, Army 56
Fairfield 77, Wm. & Mary 57
Syracuse 110, Boston Col. 88
Indiana, Pa., 64, Lock Haven 60
Brown 102, Buffalo 84

SOUTH
Louisville 74, Bradley 65
Virginia Tech 85, Florida 74
Virginia St. 81, Va. Union 70
Louisiana St. 105, Iona 78
Memphis St. 101 Samford 69
S. Methodist 97, Okla. City 80
Mississippi 90, E. Illinois 77

Midwest
Wisconsin 73, Wis.-Milwaukee 46
Marietta 47, Ohio Northern 45, overtime
Indiana 84, S. Carolina 71
Purdue 114, Illinois St. 85
Vanderbilt 83, Kansas 72
Detroit 73, Michigan St. 71, overtime
Minnesota 70, Butler 68, 3 overtimes
Providence 93, DePaul 75
Oklahoma 74, Central St., Okla., 57
S. Florida 103, Mo.-St. Louis 93
N. Ill. 86, Wichita St. 77
Tulsa 95, Arkansas 72

Southwest
N. Texas St. 70, Fullerton St. 63
Centenary 97, Texas 94
TCU 70, Colorado St. 65
Arizona 88, Texas Tech 64

Far West
Southern Colo. St. 79, E. New Mex. 52
UCLA 111, St. Bonaventure 59
Wyoming 86, Iowa 79
Utah St. 87, Brigham Young 86
Boise St. 77, Athletes in Action 63
Oregon St. 88, Portland 67
Idaho 98, W. Washington St. 74
Colo. 73, Creighton 68
Oregon 99, Puget Sound 64
Long Beach St. 74, Indiana St. 45
S. California 80, Ohio U. 68
Nevada-Las Vegas 110, Cal Poly-Pomona 61
Cal Poly-SLO 63, Cal-Santa Barbara 59
Houston 90, Nevada-Reno 75

Tournaments
Marshall Memorial Championship
Marshall 81, George Washington 62
Consolation
Texas A&M 86, Northwestern 84
Roanoke Invitational Championship
Roanoke 86, Norfolk St. 83
Consolation
Bloomsburg St. 72, New Hampshire 52
Michigan Invitational Championship
Michigan 70, Bowling Green 66
Consolation
Fordham 88, Yale 72
Dayton Invitational Championship
Dayton 66, California 62
Consolation
Drake 66, Georgia 60
Conn. Classic
Championship
St. John's, N.Y., 68, Jacksonville 60
Consolation
Alabama 70, Columbia 43
Kentucky Invitational Championship
Kentucky 78, Stanford 77
Consolation
Ohio St. 85, Dartmouth 80
Big Sun Championship
Florida St. 66, Wake Forest 48
Roadrunner Classic Championship
New Mexico St. 85, Oklahoma St. 56
Consolation
Arizona St. 119, Tulane 70
All-American City Championship
Ky. Wesleyan 110, Carson Newman 81
Consolation
Akron 81, Buffalo St. 65
Cable Car Classic Championship
Maryland 53, Santa Clara 32

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I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love
Greg

Dear SAnta Claus,
My name is Jackie Watkins, Jr. I am writing this letter for my little sister Holly Michelle, she is 1 year old. She has been a good girl all year.
She would like a Baby Beans that talk, and a two tune T.V. and anything else you will bring her.
I would like a 10 speed bike, monopoly, sorry games, G.I. Joe, Son of Liberty. Don't forget my cousins and freinds, and my little brother.
I will leave cookies and milk for you on the table.
Thank you
Jackie Jr.
Holly Watkins

Dear Santa,
My name is Michelle, I'm five years old, I've been a pretty good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Saucy Doll, a baby cradle, and a piano with a little stool Anything else that you would like to leave me would be fine. We will leave you some cookies and milk.
I Love You Santa,
Michelle Lieurance
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Shelly Chamberlain. I'm in fourth grade and I'm ten years old. For Christmas this year I would like a game called Battleship, one called Mousetrap, and one called Life. And also I would like a malibu barbie, a malibu skipper and a malibu ken. .. Oh I forgot a quick curl kelly, too. MERRY CHRISTMAS, SANTA. from your firend.
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Dear Santa,
My name is Billy Lynn Freeman and I would like a electric train, bat, glove, basket ball, hairy kanary, minibike, 5L70 honda. Don't forget my sister Sherry, she would like a trycicyle, Silly Sammy, Mr. Farmer Says and sled.
Thank you,
Your Friend
Billy Lynn Freeman

Deer Santa,
I want a baby alive and snoopy tooth brush and a so machein and a rady oh and a barby doll and high oh cherry oh game and a camar.
Robin White
I am 7 years old.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a peddle-car, a kitchen appliance set, a pair of cowboy boots and a gun for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. Don't forget all the people in the hospitals & nursing homes. There will be milk & cookies for you on the dining room table.
Love,
Laurie Kaye Taylor

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Micheal I am a big boy three years old.
Thank you Santa for all the toys you gave me last Christmas.
This year I would like a Dragline, fire truck, radio, talking book, front end loader, pedal tractor and a train with animals and anything you think I will like. Please remember Steven has moved to Springfield and take his toys there. Remember all the other children in the world Santa and make their Christmas happy.
P.S. my Daddy would like a knife for Xmas.
Your Friend
Micheal.

Armed Forces

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Army Private William R. Fowler, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Fowler of Essex, Mo., Route One, completed a seven- week recovery and evacuation specialist course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

He learned to perform recovery and evacuation operations for abandoned, damaged, disabled and mired vehicles. He also was taught to operate light and medium track recovery vehicles, wrecker trucks and tank transporters.

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Fireman Apprentice Jack Earl Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earl of 1140 First St., New Madrid, Mo., returned to his homeport here on board the attack aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy after a seven-month deployment.

During the cruise he participated in training exercises from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle. Port visits included a stop in Edinburgh, Scotland.

A 1971 graduate of Lawrence (Kan.) High School, he joined the Navy in January 1972.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — U. S. Air Force Staff Sergeant William W. Farmer, son of Mrs. Bertha Farmer, 415 Spring, Bloomfield, Mo., has graduated from the Air University's academic instructor course at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

During the five- week intensive training course, students actively participate in teaching situations, lesson planning and give speeches and educational television presentations.

The sergeant is returning to his unit at Whiteman AFB, Mo., where he serves as a missile control communications systems repairman with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Sergeant Farmer is a 1961 graduate of Roosevelt High School in St. Louis.

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Steven G. Combs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Combs of Rt. 1, Portageville, Mo., has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Keesler for specialized training in the armament systems field.

Airman Combs is a 1973 graduate of Portageville High School.

FT. BELVOIR, Va. — Army Capt. Calvin P. Broughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Broughton of 905 Main St., New Madrid, Mo., is attending the nine- month engineer officer advanced course at the U.S. Army Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir.

The course prepares engineer officers for command and staff duties at Battalion through Brigade levels, with emphasis on command at Battalion level. Training includes instruction in wholesale and producer logistics, personnel management, maintenance techniques and command responsibilities and advanced military engineering subjects.

Capt. Broughton is scheduled to complete the course next summer.

His wife Mary lives at 409 Clayton, Sikeston, Mo.

FT. HOOD, Tex. — Army Private David F. Roach, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Roach of Morehouse, Mo., has arrived at Ft. Hood to begin training as a field artillery operations and intelligence assistant with Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion of the 2nd Armored Division's 3rd Field Artillery.

Pvt. Roach will learn to assist command and staff officers in the continuous appraisal of intelligence and operations. His training includes instruction in the conversion of observer's reports, techniques of plotting targets and computing sites, elements of fire order and fire commands, computation of fire commands and corrections ,and administrative procedures.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, Tex. — Private Willie R. Patterson, 21, son of Mrs. Jettie L. Patterson of 208 Tennessee St., New Madrid, Mo., completed a six-week medical records and reports course at the Academy of Health Sciences of the U.S. Army at Ft. Sam Houston.

Pvt. Patterson was trained in preparing and maintaining Army medical records and reports. Instruction included basic administration, an introduction to medical science, social dynamics and dental terminology.

His father, James Patterson, lives at 218 Hunter St., New Madrid.

Year-end tax strategy moves outlined by CPA

ST. LOUIS — As 1973 runs out, so does the time in which a taxpayer can do something to decrease -- or perhaps increase -- his income taxes for the year.

Who would want to increase his taxes? According to Roy E. Baker, president of the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, anyone anticipating more income in 1974 than in '73 might well try to bring some of the income -- and the taxes on it -- into a year in which the tax rate would be lower.

This can sometimes be achieved, Baker said, by aggressive collection of money owed by sending out bills more promptly than usual, or by accepting bonuses or commissions ahead of time.

While shifting income from year to year, one might also try to concentrate deductible expenses in the year in which income will be greater -- through advanced or delayed payments of estimated state or local taxes, for example, or by timing medical payments or charitable contributions -- either early or late.

"Some taxpayers bunch as many of their deductible expenses as they can in alternate years," according to Baker, "then take the standard deduction of up to $2,000 in the years in between."

Another year- end step to minimize taxes is to offset capital gains realized during the year with capital losses -- by selling securities or other investments that may hae declined in value. If there is a reluctance to sell a stock because of the likelihood that it will rise in value, one can sell it, wait more than 30 days, then buy the stock back again. Or, one can switch immediately to another stock in the same industry.

For this reason, he said, a wise investor is very leery of gimmicky year- end devices for reducing income taxes. Persons of moderate income rarely stand to gain by investing in the so- called "tax shelters" that sometimes permit persons in very high brackets to defer or reduce taxes.

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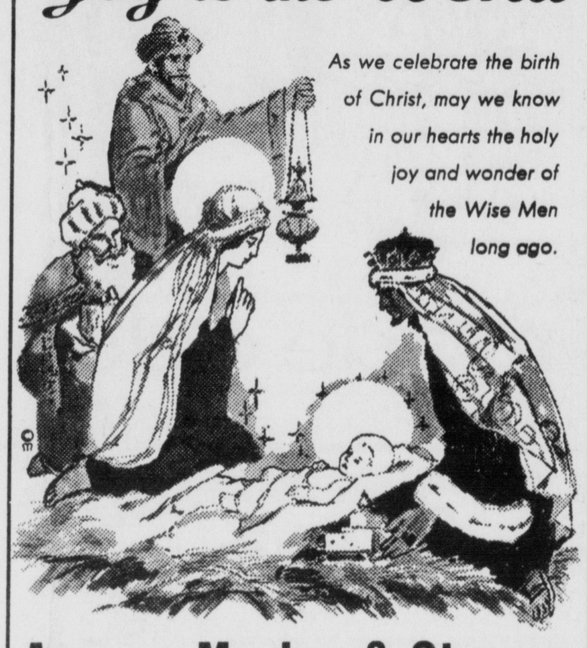
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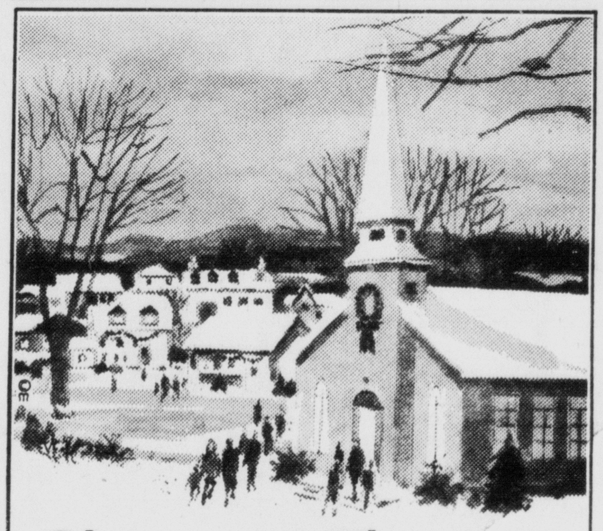
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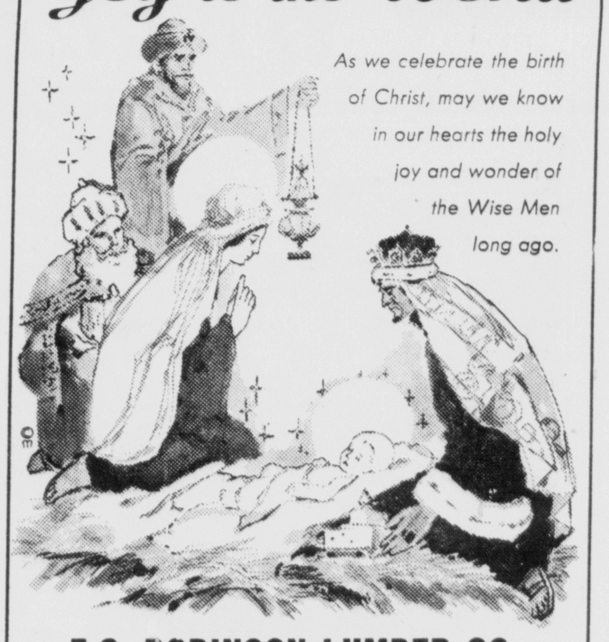
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Christmas Magic

A short story for children by Linda Smitten

It was Christmas Eve. Carrie sa gloomily upstairs in her room leaning her elbow on the wondow ledge. Christmas Eve and she had to have a cold. And what was worse, Mummy and Daddy weren't even at home, but at some gay holiday party, while she and her little brother Peter had to stay home with Nanny and decorate the Christmas tree. She sighed. Oh how she longed for the grown up world where one never had to go to bed early and never got colds and had to stay indoors. Beneath her she heard the ringing of the Christmas Eve bells, and down below her window a bright red sleigh went by with bells ringing merrily, the people inside laughing and curling together under thick blankets. She sighed again. The Christmas tree they had this year wasn't even a very nice one. Father had been so busy at the office that instead of taking her and Peter on their annual excursion to pick out the tree themselves, he had just sent someone from his office to run out and get it for him. So it had short stubby branches and quite a bare spot in the back. Oh well, she and Peter would just have to go through all the old cupboards upstairs to see if they could find some ornaments to decorate it.

"Carrie", Peter stood at the door, his face still bright with anticipation. "Nanny says it's time to decorate the tree and we are to go and get the ornaments."

"Oh all right," she said and rose from the window seat, picking up the cat Blinker out of his sleepy daze on her way out.

As they went up the stairs, Carrie heard the sound of Christmas carols coming from Nanny's radio down in the kitchen. Somehow it made her feel better, so she squeezed Blinker, who gave a loud miaow in protest. After all, it was Christmas Eve — the time of year she looked forward to most. As they passed the stair landing leading up to the third and top floor, she glanced out of the window and saw a beautiful clear sky filled with stars, and one star in particular was shining so brightly and twinkly that it looked like a birthday cake candle. Peter, who was right beside her, looked out of the window too.

"Do you think it will snow tonight?" he asked anxiously.

"I don't know," she said musingly, her attention caught by the bright stars and the sight of the Christmas world down below. But then looking down at Peter's face which had fallen a little, she smiled at him.

"Yes, Peter, it will probably snow. Now come on, let's go and get the ornaments." And with a squeal from Blinker who had by this time been let down, they were all three running up the stairs.

The room with the cupboards was right at the end of a long hall through a huge white door. Carrie and Peter, though they would never have admitted it, were rather afraid up there at the top of the house. It always seemed so gloomy and deserted and mysterious, especially if they had been reading scary stories.

But tonight it was soemhow different. When they reached the top of the stairs, panting from funning and laughing at Blinker trying to keep up, they both stopped still. The whole upper hall was flooded with clear white moonlight, illuminating every object with a snowy brightness. It was no longer a scary deserted nursery hall but a magic enchanted place where anything could happen.

"Gosh," said Peter very quietly, "I've never seen it look like this."

But Carrie, who in her heart thought exactly the same thing, just said, "Don't be silly, Peter, it's only the same old hall."

After all, you see, she was older than Peter and couldn't show him that she too was a little timid.

"Come on now."

And so in a row the three of them, Carrie leading the way, walked towards the white door. Now the light switch was supposed to be right by the door within easy reach, but when they got there and Carrie tried to turn it on, nothing happened.

"I wonder why it doesn't work," she said to Peter, who was standing looking up at her with big eyes. "I don't know," he squeaked, clutching Blinker to his chest, "but I do know that Nanny left some old candles in the nursery kitchen in case of emergencies. Should I go and get them?"

"OK," Carrie said. "I'll come too to help you."

Peter went straight to the drawer with the candles, and finding a match in the bottom of the drawer, lit one. For a boy of only six, he could be quite practical sometimes and Carrie was very glad to have him there. With the large white candle lit everyone felt better, including Blinker, and so the three of them hurried to the door. It opened with a loud groan. "OOHHHH!" they gasped, for the storage room which held all their old toys and playthings looked a magical place. The trunks and cupboards glowed in the light from the tiny round window. First they gathered up the boxes of ornaments they always used from the old green cabinet. This took a long time, because Carrie would stop and squeal over every ornament that was an old friend. There was the china Santa Claus with the top of his hat broken off, the angel with golden hair, and the crystal reindeer with shiny red eyes, drawing a little sleigh filled with tiny packages. Each of them had been carefully wrapped and put away from last Christmas, so it took a very long time to unpack them from their boxes.

"Oh dear," Carrie said when they had finished. "We've been up here a long time and there don't seem to be as many ornaments as I thought.

"Yes there are," said Peter indignantly, "quite enough, I think."

"But what about the bare place at the back?"

So, picking up Blinker, they walked over to another chest Carrie noticed in a far corner of the room. It was covered in dust and Peter kept sneezing while Carrie, in great excitement, opened the top drawer. A faint musty smell of old handkerchiefs came out of it, but all it contained were bits of cloth and dresses from long ago, very faded and worn.

"I wonder if those were Mummy's when she was young?" asked Peter, peering on tiptoe into the drawer.

"No, silly," she said, "they are much too old for that. Come on let's try another one."

The second drawer was much the same, except this time filled with old fashioned men's clothing and a couple of squashed flat hats. Still no Christmas ornaments and there was only one drawer left. Carrie let Peter open up that last drawer while she kneeled beside him looking in, hoping to find — she didn't even really know what. As he opened it, she saw only stacks and stacks of old paper and photograph albums with brown leather jackets and dusty gold letters on the front.

"Oh," she said disappointedly "there isn't anything in here after all. I suppose we'll just have to make do with what we've got."

'no, wait a minute!" Peter leaned forward excitedly. "There's something else in there — another box, two boxes, way at the back hidden under some old letters' I felt them with my hand!" He pushed away the old albums and sure enough, there were two large once- white boxes in the back.

"Why," Carrie said, "the drawer didn't look that big." But Peter didn't hear, for he was already busily untying the string that held the first box together.

"Gosh!" he said, lifting up the first ornament. "These must be a hundred years old!" He held up a heavy glass Christmas tree bauble which had once been blue but was now a curious mottled polka dot, the worn silver part reflecting their faces in the moonlight. Carrie started to say that it didn't really look nice enough to put on a new Christmas tree, but thought better of it. It did have a certain charm to it, and there were so many like it in different colours, what did it matter if they were a little worn?

They busied themselves over the first box for so long that they had completely forgotten about the second when Carrie turned and saw Blinker nosing around it suspiciously, the hair on his back slowly rising.

"Why, we've forgotten the other box," she said. "And what is the matter with Blinker?" She pulled him onto he lap and tried to open the second box. But it was closed up very tight and she and Petter both had to pull and pull to get the string off. As they pulled the string, it seemed to Carrie that the room grew slightly brighter, and one particular moonbeam slanted in the window so that it pointed directly at them. Suddenly, in the back of her throat, she felt a little rising ball of excitement as Peter, giving one last great tug,

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History of Ships reception

Linda Smitten of Sikeston, second from left, author of "Christmas Magic" published in today's Daily Standard, took part in a recent reception for a new magazine, "History of Ships" on board the H. M. F. Belfast while employed as a magazine writer in London, England. From left are Pat Hornsey, director of the magazine department; Miss Smitten, magazine editorial writer; unidentified man; Bob Tanner, director of the New English Library Publishing Co. in London, England; Tony Jollye, distribution director of the publishing company; Lynne Whaites, editorial assistant and Rosemary Lister, assistant director of the magazine department.

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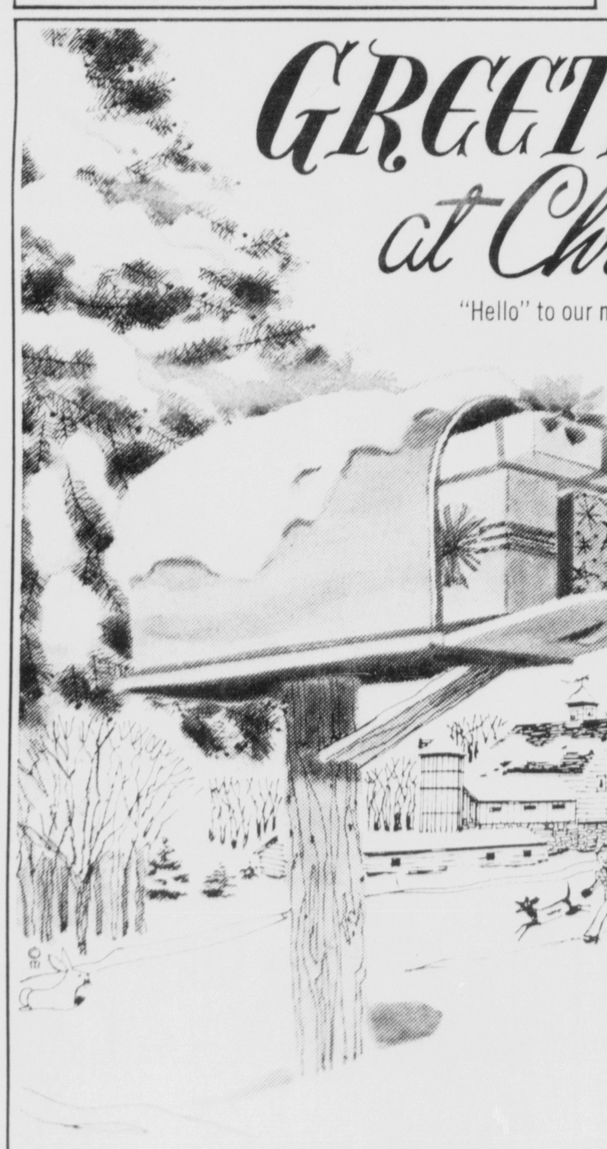

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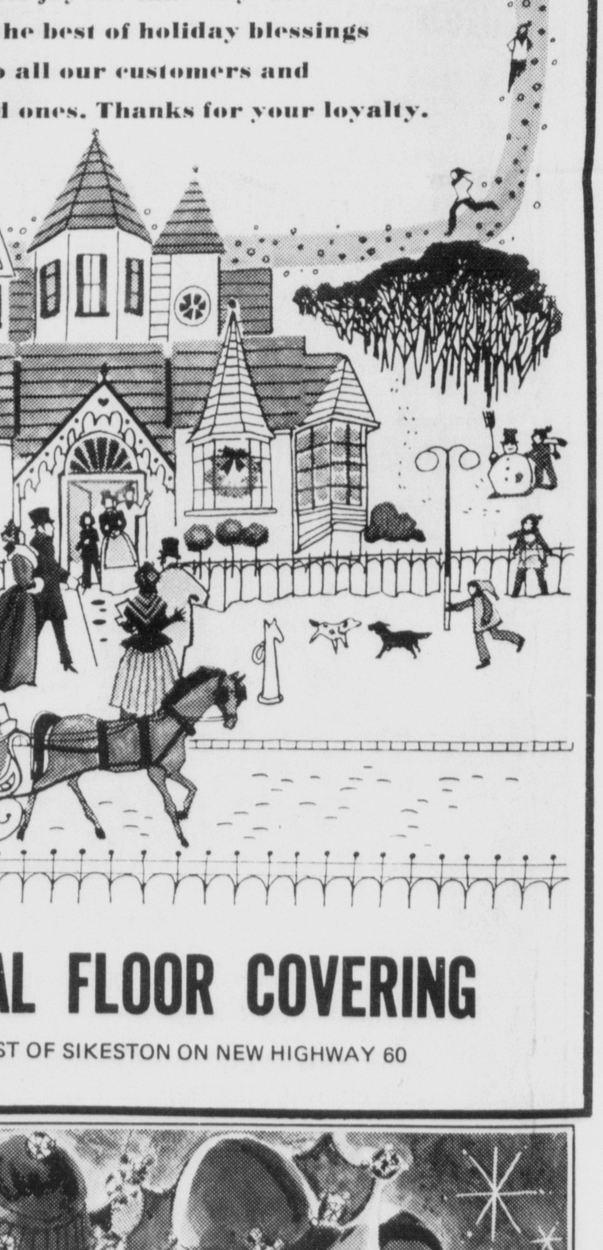

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broke the string and fell over on his back. Slowly she took the cover off the box. In it lay only one large round object wrapped up in brown paper and tied carefully with string. A piece of paper was beside the ornament, the edges browned, it was so old. Peter picked it up whileCarrie curiously lifted the paper wrapped ball into her lap.

"Why, look," he said. And on the other side of the paper was a picture of a beautiful lady dressed in a golden robe with a crystal wand in her hand which was turned at the point into a six- starred snowflake. On her head was a crown of crystal and stars, and in the background were all the blue heavens filled with tiny sparkling lights. Her eyes were a deep clear blue. They seemed to be smiling right at Carrie and Petter through the picture. Almost as if she were real. Right at the back of the picture was a Christmas tree -- Not an ordinary Christmas tree but one filled to the top with beautiful shining ornaments of silver and gold. At the top of the tree was a silver glow, but in the moonlight Carrie could not see the outline of the ornament that should have been there. All she saw were the clear blue eyes of the lady as she pointed her wand somewhere between the Christmas tree and the stars.

"The package, Carrie, the package," said Peter in a very hushed voice.

Slowly they unwrapped it, very slowly, for there were layers and layers of brown paper to undo. Then finally there was the last layer of paper, and Peter had in his hand the round firm shape of the ornament itself.

"But it's only another old tarnished Christmas ball!" exclaimed Carrie in disappointment.

"No, no, it's not. Here, look!" And with his handkerchief Peter began to rub off the dust. Sure enough, as Carrie looked, the dusty silver ornament became a clear beautiful glass ball, and inside she could see the shimmer of white. Surely it must be the moonlight playing tricks on them? But as Peter rubbed further, she saw inside the ball a tiny white horse flying as if suspended in the air.

"Isn't he lovely! Look," she said exictedly, "He even has wings — see them there?"

"That's funny," said Peter in a puzzled voice, "I didn't notice them before." But sure enough, protruding from the delicate white body were two beautiful silver wings.

The moonlight in the room seemed even broghter now, lighting up the tiny horse inside the ball until he glowed. When Carrie looked around she saw Blinker nosing the box and, afraid that he would hurt the picture of the beautiful lady, she put out her hand to pick it up. But it was gone!

"Peter" she said sharply, "Did you take the picture?

"No," he replied indignantly. "Maybe Blinker has it. Blinker, now you ...."

Just then they heard Nanny's anxious voice calling from downstairs and in all the excitement to show her what they had found, the picture's disappearance was forgotten. They hurried down to decorate the Christmas tree. Carrie carrying the boxes and Peter very carefully holding the glass ball.

It seemed to the children that the rest of the evening passed very quickly. First, they decorated the tree in the drawing room and when they had finished it didn't look at all scraggly. There were rows and rows of tinsel candy canes, Cotton wool for snow and, of course, all the ornaments. Right on top was the white horse in the glass ball. Nanny thought he was beautiful too, though she said she couldn't imagine where he'd come from. She didn't even remember him from when their father was a little boy.

Then Peter, assisted by Nanny, put the glass ball on the top. It seemed to make the whole tree glimmer and glow, with all the Christmas baubles reflecting the cozy firelight and the faces of the children.

"Quite extraordinary," Nanny kept saying to herself as she lay out their special Christmas Eve supper on a table by the fire. By the time the children had finished their supper and had been given a gingerbread man and a cup of cocoa, they were so sleepy that they almost forgot to hang up their stockings. This drowsiness — on Christmas Eve of all nights — was new to Nanny but she merely put the cups away and led the sleepy children up to bed, Blinker clasped tight in Peter's arms.

The last thing Carrie remembered seeing as they went up the stairs was the Christmas tree shining in all its splendour and on the top the glowing white ball.

"Peter, wake up!" Carrie sat straight up in bed with a start. "What is that noise?"

"What noise are you talking about?" yawned Peter sleepily.

"Listen!" Carrie said. "It sounds like a horse whinnying."

"Don't be ridiculous, Carrie, said Peter, already halfway back to sleep. But a few seconds later he said quite loudly:

"Did you say you heard a horse?"

"SSSh!" said Carrie excitedly. "Yes, look at Blinker, he hears it too." Sure enough, Blinker was standing by the door, pawing to get out.

"Come on Peter, let's go and see what it is." Very excitedly, the children put on their slippers and crawled out of their warm beds. "Look, Carrie, it's snowing!" There, falling right past their window, were huge white flakes drifting down fast and thick.

"Maybe that's why it's so bright downstairs," she said queerly, because as they stood on the stairs they could see from the drawing room below a curious glow as if a rosy light were on or as if many candles were alight at once.

"Are you frightened Peter?" Carrie asked.

"No," he said bravely, but clutched her hand. Blinker padded down silently before them so the first thing they heard before they entered the room was a very loud surprised miaow. Then they were at the door.

Inside, the room was very quiet. The fire was out, the stockings hung in their proper places. All the room seemed to pulsate with the light as if it were somehow alive. Then Peter looking at the top of the tree, gave a little gasp and said in a very strangely whispered voice, "Look, Carrie, look! At the top of the tree!"

She looked up and saw that the glass ball had increased to twice its size, and as they watched, it kept getting bigger and bigger while inside the little white winged horse grew and grew till he was almost as big as Blinker, and then he was bigger than Blinker! The children watched, fascinated. Suddenly the glass ball seemed to rise from the very top of the tree, and become a shimmering bubble floating slowly down from the tree, every minute getting bigger and brighter until the children and Blinker, too stunned to move, saw it come right down over their heads.

Next time they looked they were inside the bubble with the beautiful white winged horse who was whinnying softly. He looked around at them for one moment with kind, beautiful, silver eyes and then slowly, slowly, he began to move his wings, until their slow motion was whirring the air all around them.

"Quickly, Peter. Jump on his back. I know he wants us to." They jumped up on his bare back just in time because the great wings of the magic horse had already started their rise from the ground.

"But where's Blinker? Did we leave him?" asked Carrie excitedly. "No," Peter answered. "I've got him here. And sure enough, Carrie felt his soft fur against her back.

Swiftly they rose from the room away from the lights of the Christmas tree, until suddenly the walls seemed to dissolve around them and they were free, free in the open air, rising up, up and up above their house and through the snowflakes. Further and further they rose through the night until they could see only the lights of the village beneath them, spread out like the lights of their Christmas tree.

Then they were moving away from the village very fast, gently rocking with the motion of the great white horse's wings.

"I wonder what his name is," said Carrie aloud, not a bit frightened. In the same breath she and Peter both said "Pegasus" as though it had just popped into their heads. That was the last thing either of them said for a long time for they were flying through the night very fast,though not too fast to prevent them seeing the cities and towns down below and the wonderful stars that seemed right next door. As they flew over London Peter said, "Look! There's Big Ben and the Post Office Tower, and St. Paul's Cathedral." So excited was he that he nearly dropped poor Blinker. Soon they were out over the ocean hearing the wonderful sound of thousands and thousands of brightly coloured birds flying through the sky, all wishing each other a Merry Christmas and looking very alarmed when they saw such a huge white 'bird' in their midst!

It seemed they were over the ocean for a long time, but nobody minded because it was so beautiful. Far to the East of them the Great Star shone brightly to guide them on their way. Once Carrie heard Peter say, "Carrie, look behind you!" and turning around she saw a trail of glittering stardust behind them. Just then they sighted land and Pegasus began to descend. The meadows grew bigger and bigger under them, and the lights grew brighter and clearer, while the trees came swimmingly up and up to meet them until PLOP, they had landed in a great grassy field.

Carrie got down and was helping Peter and Blinker to the ground when she heard a loud hmph and then an even louder hmph. Looking over towards the middle of the field, which was all lit up by moonlight, she saw a very strange crooked figure with a huge hump on its back coming towards them. Then, as the figure got nearer, they saw that the hump was a huge sack and that under the sack were two piercing blue eyes. Why, it was an old woman!

"Hmph," she said again, but this time her bright blue eyes were sparkling. "Just the people I've been looking for all night!" And with a huge grunt she swung the sack down and sat on it.

"Well," she said after a moment, "Don't be all night about it. Are you coming with me or not?"

Pegasus gave a gentle neigh at this and walked to where the old woman sat. Promptly she got up and started to heave the great sack onto his back.

"Well come on children, help me."

"Yes, Miss," said Carrie and Peter together.

"Don't call me miss," she said — and then merrily — "My name is Amaz. I suppose you've heard the story about me?"

"No, Miss," the children began again.

"come along, come along," she said in an amused voice, and they all started walking across the field.

"Where are we going?" asked Carrie.

"Why, to distribute the presents. Where did you think? The North Pole?" But seeing Carries's surprised expression she continued, "Pegasus comes to help me every year. I couldn't do it all my self, the bags are too heavy and there's so much to do — a lot of world to cover on just one Christmas Eve night." After a moment she could see that the children didn't yet understand, so she continued in a kinder tone:

"Once upon a time a long time ago," she explained. "I was an old sweeper woman in a far away land. I would go from house to house sweeping people's hearths for them. Some even thought I brought good luck." She seemed to straighten up a bit as she said this and then continued, sighing now, "One long ago night, I was walking home across this very field when I saw a great shining star rise in the East — a star which I had never seen before. So I sat down in the field to watch it rise ,and suddnely I saw three firgures on horseback come riding out of the woods. Three kings they were, all dressed in jewels and satins You never saw such a group in your life. But I, being just an old woman, was greatly afraid. When they stopped, the one in front with the kindest face leaned down to me and said, 'Good woman, do you know which way it is to Bethlehem? We are following the Star in the East to find the young King.' I tried to speak but I douldn't say a word and so they rode away and I never saw them again," she ended sadly. "So every year, on this same night, I stand here in this field and try to follow the star to find them and tell them which way to go to Bethlehem. With me I bring this great bag full of presents to leave in all the Chrismas stockings."

"Why, I thought Father Christmas did that," Peter remarked suddenly.

"So he does, so he does," she said, "in most parts of the world. But my territory," she added, her eyes twinkling, "is a little 'different' from his."

They passed through many villages, the children helping Amaz distribute the presents as they went along. Pegasus never complaining about the great sack on his back.

Oh, the things they saw that night! Jewelled cities passing beneath them, mountains and lakes and valleys and deserts — all so beautiful, so hushed — all waiting for Christmas morning when the snow would stop and the friendly sun would come to wake the children and hurry them down to their Christmas cheer.

It seemed they went on flying forever until finally, when the bag seemed to be much lighter, they landed on the edges of a Great and Gloomy forest.

"Where are we now?" Peter asked bravely. But Amaz only smiled and beckoned them to follow her along a narrow winding path through the wood. What a wood that was. It seemed as if all the trees had faces hidden in their leaves, and it was so dark that they might have been a little frightened if Amaz and Pegasus had not been there to guide them. Finally the trees thinned out and it grew easier to walk. Pegasus, his great wings shining in the starlight, walked the fastest, as if he knew the way perfectly. Then, as they were walking through a clump of oak trees, a very strange thing happened. They thought they saw tiny glowing lights coming from within the trees, and they began to hear the sounds of laughter and singing carried on the air.

"What is that sound?" Carrie asked Amaz.

"Please tell us where we are." But Amaz only smiled.

Just then Peter knew he distinctly heard a very small voice say, "Now, where have I put the tea strainer?" in a very merry holiday sort of voice.

Amaz turned to the children, her eyes sparkling happily: "Why, don't you know where we are? Don't you know? Just wait a few minutes," she added mysteriously. Then the trees spread out even further while the lights from within the tree trunks grew fainter and fainter. Suddenly, turning a sharp corner in the road, they saw in front of them a large clearing, and in the middle of the clearing was a miniature Georgian house, just big enough for the best sort of parties. In every window were lights, and the sound of happy voices and carolling filled the air. Across the clearing they saw a figure emerge from the direction of the sound of water, which they knew must be the river. It was a proper gentleman in a hat and muffler, loaded to the top wich packages and having a very hard time walking on the knobby ground. but that was not the biggest surprise at all, for when he got to the door of the house and knocked, who do you think should answer the door, but a great toad in a red velvet waistcoat with a sprig of holly in his buttonhole! It was then that the children understood that they were in an enchanted place where anything could happen, and Carrie, looking at Pegasus, saw his eyes shining with gladness to be in a place so full of his relatives.

"You see children," said Amaz, "we are at Toad Hall which you must have heard about."

"TOAD HALL!" they gasped. "THE Toad Hall?"

"The very one," said Amaz with a touch of pride.Just at that moment, the package-laden figure who had been knocking at the door turned and shouted gleefully across the wide lawn, "Amaz, Pegasus, is that you? I knew there was someone out there. You and your friends come in, come in!"

Carrie gasped. "Why, it's Mr. Rat," she said.

"Exactly," said Amaz, and together the two children and Pegasus walked slowly towards Toad Hall.

And what a place it was! There were lights shining in every window and twice as many inside. The great hall was filled with little animals come to celebrate the Christmas season. There were otters, and rabbits, moles and, badgers, field mice and, of course, all Toad's relatives.

Otter was the first one they saw, sitting toasting marshmallows by the fire in the great entrance hall. He gave a hearty 'Hello" as they walked in and with a friendly smile asked them to sit down and have some mulled cider, which was an animal speciality

"Now don't be impatient, Otter," said Ratty.

"First they'll want to have a look around the place." Comfortingly he patted Peter's head with his great furry paw. Just then Mr. Toad came bustling along in a very grand way, acting as if he hadn't even seen them outside when, of course, he knew all the time. But, after all, that was just Toad's way.

"Amaz!" he cried. "My dear girl! How glad I am to see you and Pegasus! I only wish you could come more often."

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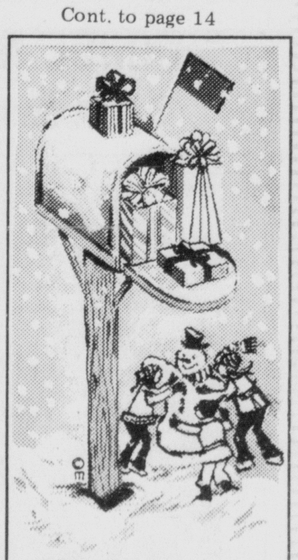

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Turning to the others he continued, "Welcome to Toad Hall. Toad at your service." He bowed so low before the children that he almost fell right over on the gleaming tile floor. "But well now, humph," said Toad a little embarrassed, "bring them along Ratty, bring them along." So Ratty, with a twinkle in his eye, led them to a great tall mahogany door. "Is it ready yet, my boys?" asked the genial rat.

"No, not quite yet, Mr. Ratty sir," came a chorus of squeaks from inside. "It should only be a minute now."

So Ratty led them through another grand room filled with the rabbits of the wild woods who were engaged in playing silly rabbit games around Toad's grand piano and under his carpets. Young Portly who was still tying up his Christmas presents began to squeak excitedly about the surprise in the other room when he saw them in the hall. "Here, my good little fellow," said Ratty. "Ssshh."

Then they were at the dining room, from which various delicious smells had been emanating since well before their arrival.

"Ah, here we are," said Ratty, swinging the door open, and they walked into the most comfortable room of all. There was a huge oaken table in the center, and grand portraits of Toad's estimable ancestors lined every wall. The enormous table was spread with every goody imaginable, and two great fire places at either and had large comfortable chairs on each side and oil paintings of Toad as a young boy hanging over the mantlepieces. Everything was decorated with holly and mistletoe. Best of all, who should be sitting in front of the fire toasting his slippers and talking whth Badger But Mole!

"Oh my, Mole!" said Peter in a whisper (Mole had always been his favourite). Pegasus pushed him gently forward, still clutching a bemused Blinker in his arms.

"Why, hello there young man," said Mole, interrupting one of Badger's long digressions on Toad. "I seem to remember you from some place."

"You do?" gasped Peter.

"Why, of course," he said, eyes twinkling.

"We river bankers know who all our friends are. Isn't that right, Badger?" Badger nodded in solemn agreement.

Suddenly Toad burst into the room (Toad was always bursting into rooms) hopping excitedly from one leg to another. "It's READY," he shouted, "it's ready."

"Oh, Toady," said Badger, "do be a little more dignified." But he too was smiling as they all filed down to the closed doors of the great drawing room.

Amaz and Pegasus especially were smiling as if they knew what lay inside. Amaz had her arm in Badger's, and Mole was walking beside the over- excited Toad who kept going POOP- POOP, POOP- POOP (a leftover from his motor car days, I'm told). Then they heard from inside the sound of giggling, and a small voice saying, "All together now!" and a chorus of the best old Christmas carols broke forth just as the door, as if by magic, opened to show the most beautiful Christmas tree anyone had ever seen, shining with tiny coloured candles and angels and animals and toys. Underneath, at the bottom of the tree, lay great heaps of gaily coloured presents, and row upon row of brightly initialled stockings hung by the fireplace filled to the top with oranges, bright red apples and deep brown nuts.

With a great cry, the company descended on their Christmas gifts, while outside Toad Hall snow fell softly in the Great Forest. Everyone was so excited that it was very noisy for a while, but not so noisy that Peter didn't hear a jolly HO, HO, HO and, running over to the great window, he saw a large silver sled and eight tiny reindeer rising to the sky! "Was that...?" he turned to Amaz wonderingly.

"Yes dear," she said, "for this place is the end of all journeys for Christmas wayfarers." Then Peter forgot all about what she had said because he was so excited watching everyone unwrap their presents. Funniest of all was Toad, who in his hurry to tear open packages marked 'TOAD' would get himself all tangled up in holiday ribbons. Despite this, he still burst intermittently into loud Toad Christmas songs.

In all the excitement, Peter and Carrie had forgotten about looking for their presents, so Pegasus nudged Carrie towards the tree. "Oh," she said. for Sure enough, under the tree were three tiny packages: one for her; one for Peter, and even one for Blinker.

They opened them up slowly. Inside each was a silver box, and inside that was a tiny woven ring which just fitted their middle fingres. Mole saw them opening their presenta and came over. "Do you like them?" he asked anxiously. "They are made from our own great willow tree that stands by the river and which we picnic under all summer long. We thought it would give you both something to remember us by?."

"They are lovely," said the children together, quite overwhelmed, and opening up Blinker's package for him they found a tiny woven collar. "Thank you," they said again.

Just then dinner was announced and they all went merrily in to feast. What a feast there was that late night at Toad Hall! Eggnog and cider, ham and lobsters, sardines and cheeses, plum pudding with bowls and bowls of hard sauce (Toad' s favourite), fruitcake with rum, turkeys with mounds and mounds of chestnut dressing, eight different kinds of jam and honey and scones and teacakes and biscuits and oh the food went on forever! The children, Blinker, Amaz and Pegasus were seated right at the top of the long table across from Mole and Ratty and Badger. Toad got so excited that he kept hopping up on the table to give speeches, but Badger always pulled him down, till at the end of the meal he nodded to him and Toad rose expansively.

"FRIENDS, " he began, "WE ARE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT . . ."

But just then the Christmas dawn came popping her head through the night and poor Toad never got to finish his speech (never mind, he would give one next year) because Amaz said, "Children, we must be off. It's daylight soon."

So they shook hands all around, and hugged Ratty and Mole and Badger and Toad, who escorted them to the door.

"Come back soon," they cried. "We will always be here just the same."

And the last thing Carrie and Peter saw as they rose slowly up into the sky again was all their little friends standing in front of Toad Hall waving goodbye. But not goodbye, Carrie thought to herself, for there are never goodbyes between real friends. But she still felt a tinge of sadness you always feel when leaving a place that you love.

Quickly they rose through the night on gentle Pegasus, up through the colours of the Christmas dawn, rosy and pink and glistening with dew. The whole world beneath them was caught between day and night and still the star shone steadily in the sky.

"Amaz," said Carrie suddenly. "Where do you and Pegasus live when it's not Christmas?" In all the excitement she had completely forgotten to ask that very important question.

"You will see," said Amaz wisely," and now it is time for you children to be home in bed or your mother and father will miss you."

"But," Peter and Carrie said together, "we don't want to go."

"There will be other times," comforted Amaz, "but at the end of all roads lies home." Her voice sounded brighter, younger, and turning round they saw she was no longer an old woman at all to the children but the beautiful lady with the crystal wand from the picture. Now Carrie knew where she had seen those blue eyes before. . .

"Oh, Amaz!" Just then Pegasus turned his head and gave them each a gentle nuzzle as if to say goodbye. Amaz lifted her crystal wand high above their heads in the early morning sky, then tapped them each on the head three times and suddenly they were falling through the sky in great gentle circles like snowflakes, down, down, down. The last thing they remembered hearing was Amaz's gentle voice and their beautiful Pegasus whinny as she cried softly after them, "We will not forget you, children. And never forget that there is magic all around if only you have the eyes to see." Then, with a plop, they landed fast asleep in their own snug beds.

When Carrie awoke the next morning she was sure that it had all been a lovely dream. She got up quietly and crept downstairs to see if Pegasus was still on the top of the tree. But he was not, and a great sadness filled her as she stood there looking up until she heard a faint miaow and there was Blinker, rubbing against her leg to be picked up.

"Oh, all right," she said, but as she bent to pick him up she saw a tiny woven collar around his neck and two small rings fastened to the side of the collar by a slender silver thread. "So it was not a dream," she murmured to herself, and bounded up the stairs to wake Peter.

Late that night, after all the Christmas presents had been opened and Christmas dinner had been eaten, Carrie, Peter and Blinker, rings hidden safely under their pillows, went wearily up to bed.

Suddenly Carrie saw Peter sit up again in bed.

"Why, there's something else under my pillow," he said in an astonished voice. And from under his pillow he brought out a piece of paper with the edges browned. It was the picture of Amaz.

"What a lovely surprise," said Carrie.

"Look where her wand is pointing," Peter said. "Out of the window, our window."

And getting up, the children went over to the Window to look out at the clear Christmas night. Way up in the sky, clear enough for anybody who believed in magic to see, were the faint outlines of Amaz and Pegasus in tiny sliver glowing stars, embedded for always in the shining Christmas night. And somewhere out there, in the great wide world beyond the Great Forest, the children knew that the River Bank dwellers could see them too.

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ss)
COUNTY OF SCOTT)
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI at Benton, Missouri
In the estate of)
Alwin G. Gasser)
deceased.)
Estate No. 4247
To all persons interested in the estate of Alwin G. Gasser, decedent:
On the 14th day of December, 1973, the last Will of Alwin G. Gasser was admitted to probate and Lela Mae McCoy was appointed the executrix of the estate of Alwin G. Gasser decedent, by the probate court of Scott County, Missouri, on the 14th day of December, 1973. The business address of the executrix is Route No. 1, Sikeston, Missouri, whose telephone number is 471-2167 and her attorney is Thomas L. Arnold whose business address is Benton, Missouri, and whose telephone number is 545-3522.
All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of this notice or be forever barred.
All persons interested are notified that such court, at the times and as provided by law, will determine the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and real property of the extent and character of their interests therein.
Date of first publication is December 17th, 1973.
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Almaretta Huber, Clerk
Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri
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STATE OF MISSOURI)
SS.)
COUNTY OF SCOTTT)
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI AT BENTON, MISSOURI
In the estate of)
Perle J. Moore)
deceased.)
Estate No. 4239
To all persons interested in the estate of Perle J. Moore, decedent:
On the 7th day of December, 1973, the last Will of Perle J. Moore was admitted to probate and Gwendolynn French was appointed the executrix of the estate of Perle J. Moore decedent, by the probate court of Scott, County, Missouri, on the 7th day of December, 1973. The business address of the executrix is 304 Lake Street, Sikeston, Missouri, whose telephone number is 471-1239 and her attorney is Kenneth L. Dement whose business address is 310 West North Street, Sikeston, Missouri, and whose telephone number is 471-1833.
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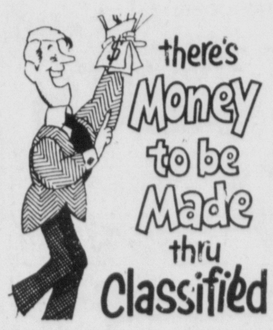

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TO BUY OR SELL AVON. Call: 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

Wanted Experienced Cutter. Apply in person Alfred Werber Inc. 711 Riley, New Madrid, Mo. or Call 748-5561

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Wanted
Steam Crane Operator. Steady work. State age, qualifications, mail to Box 433, Cairo, Ill. 62914

Wanted — Experienced parts man for big truck franchise in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Call 314-686-2466

Would you work 9 hours a week for $30 to $60? Stanley dealers average this and frequently much more. Car needed but no experience necessary — For interview phone 472-0572

DREAMING OF A "GREEN" CHRISTMAS? As an AVON Representative, you can earn extra cash to pay those holiday bills. It's easy and fun! Call: 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

Wanted — Extra help for Christmas season. Call 472-0572 or come by 223 S. Main. Stanley Home Products.

**WANTED
HIGHSCHOOL GRADS**
Thinking ahead to what you'll do after graduation? How about having a job waiting for you? We start you at $326.10 a month. The Army's Delayed Entry Program gives you the opportunity to pick a job specialty now in a location you prefer, stay at home for up to 180 days to finish high school and then begin a career that could take you around the world. For more information, call 471-8870.

Experienced waitress wanted. Come in to fill out application. Grecian Steak House

DON'T BE "STUCK INSIDE" THIS WINTER. Get out, meet people, make friends. Be an AVON Representative. Have your own business during hours you select. Earn extra money. Call 472-0492 or write Ann Brown, Box 686, Sikeston, Mo.

19 — CHILD CARE

Wanted — To do babysitting in my home. Phone 471-6770

21. Business Opportun.

READ ALL THESE OTHER ADS FIRST!
Then, if you want a truly honest opportunity for some REAL MONEY in automatic merchandising for a small investment $1,239.00) write to us. ZENITH ENTERPRISES, INC. (Marketers of CHEF BOY-AR-DEE and HEINZ foods) 6601 Hillcroft, Suite 114, Houston, Texas 77036. (Give phone number)

24. Special Services

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Roof repair, painting, concrete patios, Cash & terms, Hawkins Bros. 471-2666

MECHANICS AND BODY SHOP MEN
Glenn Marshall Motors Inc.
Hiway 61-NewMadrid
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B & K AUTO REPAIR
General Repair & Service
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Sikeston, Mo. 63801
Owned & Operated by
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TIBB'S AUTO BODY REPAIR
667-5159
2 Miles South Morehouse

Byrd Auto Salvage
2 Miles E of Benton
471-6194 545-3877

Painting — Interior — Exterior. Reasonable. 667-5055.

Electric Work. Residential or Commercial. Small home repairs. 472-0041

Kirby Company
of Poplar Bluff
Serving Sikeston
Service & Sales
Phone 471-1594

Big Red Auto Parts. ¼ mile south on AA in Miner. 471-8040

D & D Tree Trimming 472-0550. Discount Fireplace Wood.

PHOTOGRAPHY- Best in Weddings and Commercial photography. Call Tim Ludwig 471-7669 after 4:00 p.m.

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Complete Moving Service
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Repairs on all makes machines
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WELL DRILLING
Also pump service and repairs. Ask us about our rust proof, plastic wells.
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Palomino mare & parade saddle. 471-6738 or 667-5531

26. Pets

Poodles groomed — $8.00 each. Verla Shaw. 667-5872

AKC Registered Collie Puppies - Phone 264-4674 Kelso, Mo.

For Sale — Female Old English Sheepdog 5 months old. Female Irish setter 5 months old. Tiny Toy poodles. 624-5221

For Sale — Registered Male Collie Beautiful black & white. 1½ yrs. 688-2726 Lilbourn

For Sale — Registered poodle puppies, reasonable. After 5:30. 471-8039

Registered toy Pekingese, Peke-a-poo and poodle puppies, Ralph Henson, Illmo, Mo. 264-4678.

28. New & Used Cars

1966 Cadillac 4 dr. Sedan Deville, regular gas, good condition. Phone 471-5636 or 471-3929

1969 Camaro SS $500. 472-0579 after 8 p.m.

For Sale — 64 GMC Pickup with camper - good condition - Call 471-9628 after 6 p.m.

1950 Ford 2 door Sedan $250. Call 683-6942

For Sale — 1964 Dodge Dart 2 dr. 6 cyl. - Std. Trans. Runs good - new paint $250.00 Ph. 471-1987 after 6 p.m.

1972 Dodge Dart 6 cylinder - power and air - gas saver - priced to sell. See at 1623 E. Malone.

For Sale
(1) 1971 GMC tandam 9500 Diesel tractor, low mileage, very clean & air conditioner.
(1) 1935 foot grain trailer
(1) 40 ft. refrigerated trailer, diesel unit.
471-8244

For Sale — Company Car. 1972 Buick La Sabre. 80,000 Hwy. Miles. Regularly Serviced. All power, cruise control. 471-5382 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

30. Farm Supplies

700 bales Fescue hay. 100 bales of wheat straw. $1.00 per bale. 1 pro-lic four wheel tank. 624-5603

34. Mobile Homes

1963 Embasy 12x54 Tilt out living room.

12x55 Windsor 1966 Model. Tilt out in living room.

1968 Ramada. 12x48.

1970 12x60 Town & Country 2 B.R. 2 full baths.

12 Wide Repo. $87.91 per month. Pick up payments.

12X51 Winston. Take up payments.

Take over payments on 1972 12x60 2 bedroom, washer, dryer, central air, color T.V. $85.00 per month.
Galemore Mobile Homes
157 & Hwy 62
Charleston, Mo.

1972 Artcraft Mobile Home, 60x12 Front living room, 2 bedroom, good condition. See McDougal Mobile Homes.

1967 2 br. mobile home, 12x55, good cond. 683-2073

For Sale — Mobile home, take over payments. 2 bedroom, glass sliding doors. 12x54. 471-1017 or 471-2575

[illegible] payments on 1972 10x12 [illegible] Rep[illegible]
Northern built mobile home 2 bedrooms, washer & dryer, ice maker. Call McDougal Mobile Homes. 471-5636

2 bedroom, [illegible]asher & dryer. Assume paym[illegible]ts of $78.38 per month. Brewe[illegible] Mobile Homes. 471-7390.

PUBLIC AUCTION FARM SALE

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE DAVID MATLOCK ESTATE.

THURSDAY, DEC. 27, 1973, 10:00 AM

LOCATION

2 Miles West of Lilbourn, Mo. on Highway D or 3 miles east of Catron, Mo.

Sale will Start Promptly at 10 A.M.
Rain or Shine.

NOTHING WILL BE SOLD EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING LISTED PROPERTY OF THE DAVID MATLOCK ESTATE

TRACTORS
1—1972 IHC 1066 Diesel Tractor, only 900 hours, has TA, LPTO, PS, 3 Pt. hitch
1—1969 IHC 856 Diesel tractor, TA, LPTO, PS, new Rice and Cane tires, 3 pt. hitch
1—1970 IHC 826 Diesel tractor, TA, LPTO, 3 pt. hitch
1—IHC 706 gas tractor, TA, 2 pt. hitch
1—IHC 560 gas tractor, 2 pt. hitch, new Rice and Cane tires
1—IHC M tractor
1—Set of W & A dual wheels & hubs - tires 16x9x38
1—Set of W & A dual wheels & hubs- tires 12x5x38

CULTIVATORS & KEM PLOW
1—IHC late model 6 row cult., heavy beam, stiff shanks, like new, 3 pt. hitch
1—IHC late model, 6 row cult., spring feet, 3 pt. hitch
1—IHC 6 row cult., 2 pt. hitch. good
1—IHC 6 row cult., 3 pt. hitch. good
1—KEM 6 row plow w/new spray fenders, 3 pt. hitch

COMBINES & PICKERS
1—1968 IHC 503 combine, 16 ft. automatic header, cab, extra clean
1—1968 IHC 416 2 row cotton picker w/Rice and Cane tires, cab, automatic header. Extra clean
1—IHC 114 one row picker on 300 tractor. Double fan and cab. Wide front end. Extra clean

PLOWS & CHISEL PLOWS
1—IHC 4 bottom semi-mount plow
1—Oliver 3 bottom plow
1—IHC 11 ft. Chisel plow, 3 pt. hitch, gauge wheels, new tires
1—IHC 7 ft. chisel plow, 3 pt. hitch, gauge wheels, new tires.

HIPPERS & DO-ALLS
1—AMCO 6 row hipper w/new blades, 3 pt. hitch
1—Set of AMCO hyd. markers
1—W & A 6 row foldup do-all w/cylinders
1—W & A 4 row do-all

OTHER TOOLS
1—IHC 2 row stalk shredder, 3 pt. hitch
1—Mohawk 10 ft. grader blade, 3 pt. hitch
2—200 gal. water tanks w/front end rack
2—6 row spray booms
1—AMCO power takeoff side winder ditcher, new
2—Water pumps
1—18x4x34 good tractor
1—IHC one row middle buster ditcher, 2 pt. hitch

SHOP TOOLS
1—200 Amp. electric welder
1—Zigler gas blower heater
Grease guns, cylinders, grinders, and many other shop tools, comfort covers

TRUCKS & TRAILERS
1—1968 Ford pickup, automatic, air conditioned, custom cab, radio & heater, clean
1—1959 Dodge service truck pickup, good
1—1959 Chevrolet pickup truck, good
1—1955 Ford 1½ ton truck, grain bed, good
1—1952 Dodge truck w/grain bed, good
1—1946 Ford 1½ ton truck, runs good, has 1,000 gal. water pump & motor
6—Electric wheel cotton trailers w/4 to 6 bale beds

DISCS
1—IHC 480 19 ft. Disc, cylinder and new blades, like new
2—IHC 37A 13 ft. disc, new blades — like new
1—Oliver 13 ft. disc

PLANTERS
1—IHC 486 6 row planter w/hill drops clod knockers, pre merge
1—IHC 458 6 row planter, clod knockers

TERMS CASH DAY OF SALE — LUNCH ON GROUNDS

DAVID MATLOCK ESTATE
JEAN MATLOCK OWNER
BECK & McCORD AUCTION CO.
Sikeston, Mo. Phone 314-471-4672
P. O. Box 826

ALUMINUM REDUCTION DIVISION OPENINGS

Assistant Production Manager
Primary aluminum producer is seeking an individual with chemical, metallurgical mechanical or Electrical degree. Potroom supervisory, experience desireable.

Potroom staff engineer
Must have degree, preferably in chemical or metallurgical field and 2 to 3 years pot room experience. Supervisory experience and business management. Training desireable.

Senior Project Engineer
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Send resume including work experience, education and salary history to:
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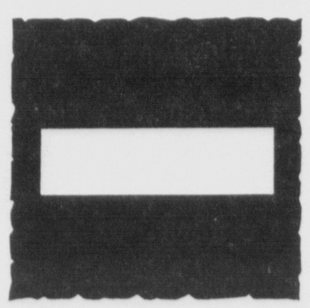
Reduction Division
REVERE COPPER & BRASS, INC.
P. O. Box 1050
Scottsboro, Alabama 35768
Equal Opportunity Employer



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with a Personal Bill Payer Loan. We'll pay off all your bills and then, one small monthly payment to us at low interest will repay it and you'll have money left over.

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W. MALONE ———SIKESTON———471-2077

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9 piece bedroom group, (Heavy wood) includes - mattress & box spring (Free) slightly used.

1. Dresser
2. Mirror
3. Chair
4. Low Boy Chest
5. Headboard
6. Night Stand
7. Hollywood Frame

ALL FOR ONLY $199.00
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OUR BOARDING HOUSE — with Major Hoople

SIDE GLANCES — by Gill Fox

"If the founding fathers had wanted White House conversations taped, they'd have put it in the Constitution!"

CARNIVAL — by Dick Turner

"One thing I gotta admire about you, Hortense... you'll never admit you're licked!"

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 You'll	31 Comes	61 You
2 The	32 Good	62 You
3 Be	33 Love	63 Has
4 A	34 Or	64 Your
5 Familiar	35 And	65 Arrived
6 Pleasant	36 Is	66 Contracts
7 Time	37 An	67 A
8 Influence	38 Coming	68 With
9 Friend	39 Your	69 Travel
10 Friendly	40 Be	70 Question
11 Money	41 Someone	71 Plans
12 Keep	42 Into	72 Dental
13 Important	43 Romance	73 Liking
14 Development	44 Get	74 Picture
15 Smiling	45 Hesitates	75 Today
16 For	46 Loved	76 And
17 And	47 Pepared	77 And
18 Something	48 To	78 Or
19 Sociable	49 Old	79 Distant
20 A	50 Approaches	80 Your
21 People	51 To	81 Projects
22 The	52 Interest	82 Written
23 Save	53 For	83 Legal
24 Face	54 Go	84 Your
25 Decision	55 Ask	85 Are
26 Yes	56 Receipts	86 Plans
27 New	57 Ahead	87 Handsome
28 Rewards	58 Doctor	88 Way
29 Will	59 In	89 Dates
30 Take	60 One	90 Statements

Good — Adverse — Neutral

ARIES MAR. 21 – APR. 19: 11-14-29-40 / 48-64-73
TAURUS APR. 20 – MAY 20: 54-57-68-69 / 71-77-79-81
GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 20: 13-21-30-37 / 52-59-80-86
CANCER JUNE 21 – JULY 22: 1-8-9-34 / 46-60-75
LEO JULY 23 – AUG. 22: 26-27-33-35 / 43-50-62
VIRGO AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22: 23-39-49-56 / 66-76-82-90
LIBRA SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22: 41-45-51-55 / 61-67-70
SCORPIO OCT. 23 – NOV. 21: 12-15-18-32 / 36-38-84-88
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 – DEC. 21: 44-47-53-58 / 72-78-83-89
CAPRICORN DEC. 22 – JAN. 19: 2-7-16-20 / 25-63-65
AQUARIUS JAN. 20 – FEB. 18: 4-5-10-24 / 31-42-74
PISCES FEB. 19 – MAR. 20: 3-6-17-19 / 22-28-85-87

TU 12/25

THE RYATTS by Jack Elrod

THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane

"It's very late -- I better get in my manger!"

OUT OUR WAY — by Neg Cochran

"HE'S A GREAT LITTLE TRACKER!"

Colors

ACROSS

1 Pale red
5 Light brown
8 Sky color
12 Horse color
13 Spanish cheer
14 Malay gibbons
15 Boy's name
16 Allow
17 Feminine suffix (pl.)
18 Dainty colors
20 Old-womanish
21 Female saint (ab.)
22 Standard (ab.)
23 Absent (ab.)
26 Things added
31 Sumatran squirrel shrew
33 Silliest
34 One who causes fear
37 Gray (Ger.)
38 Filled with coloring
41 Auditor (ab.)
42 School subject
43 Building site
45 Cream (Fr.)
48 Dark red cherry
52 Roof overhang
53 Soft drink
54 Midday
55 Pelt
56 Imitate
57 Not false
58 Sedimentary deposit
59 Spread hay
60 Places

DOWN

1 Support
2 Particle
3 Burmese wood sprites
4 Arctic sandpipers
5 Rang bell slowly
6 Pub drinks
7 Mesh
8 Obscuring
9 Wool (comb. form)
10 Russian river
11 Being (Latin)
19 Greek letter
20 Sweetsop
22 Wrong doing
23 Nipa palm
24 Indonesian island
25 Broken tooth
27 Soil
28 Feminine name
29 Son of Issac (Bib.)
30 Shirt-front ornament
32 Military equipment
35 Simple
36 Adjectival suffix
39 Married secretly
40 Beetle
44 Temporary shelters
45 Irish tax
46 Near East intoxicating liquor
47 Wicked
48 Be dull and spiritless
49 Learning
50 Stupid fellow
51 Single units
53 Caress lightly

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	D	E		G	A	L	E		S	H	A	W
N	A	G		A	G	E	D		T	O	L	A
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Today in U.S. History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1973. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and England signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tennessee.

In 1942, the French administrator in North Africa, Admiral Jean Darlan, was assassinated in Algiers during World War II.

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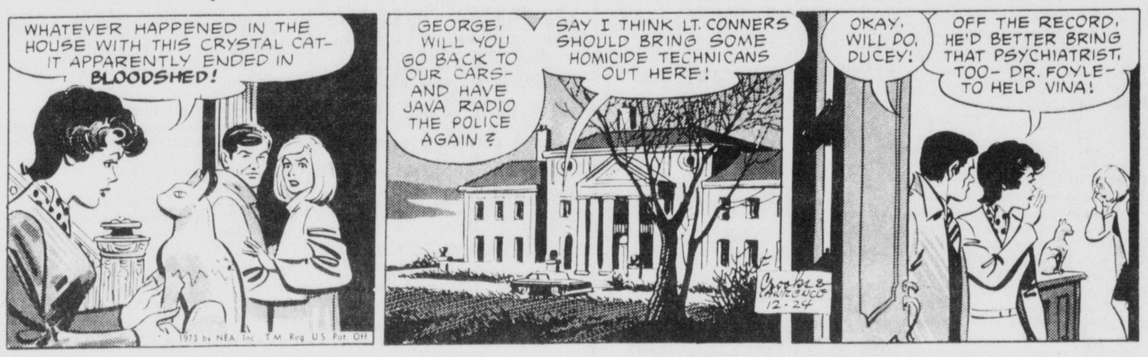
CAPTAIN EASY by Crooks & Lawrence



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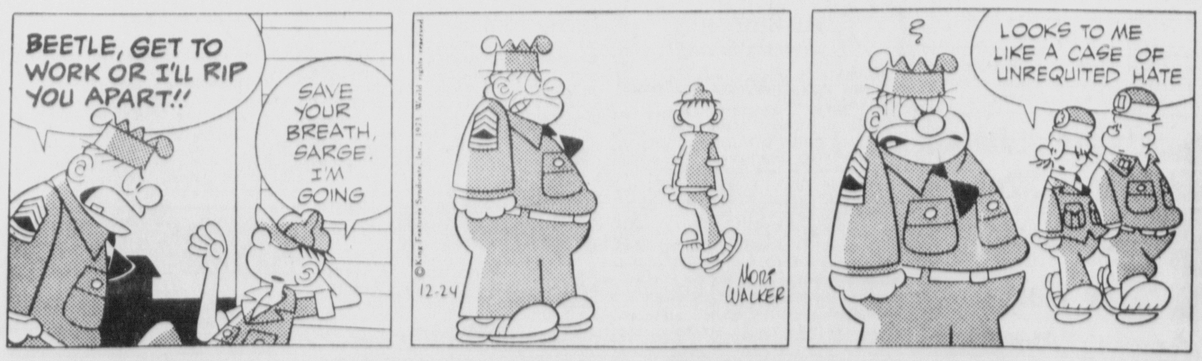

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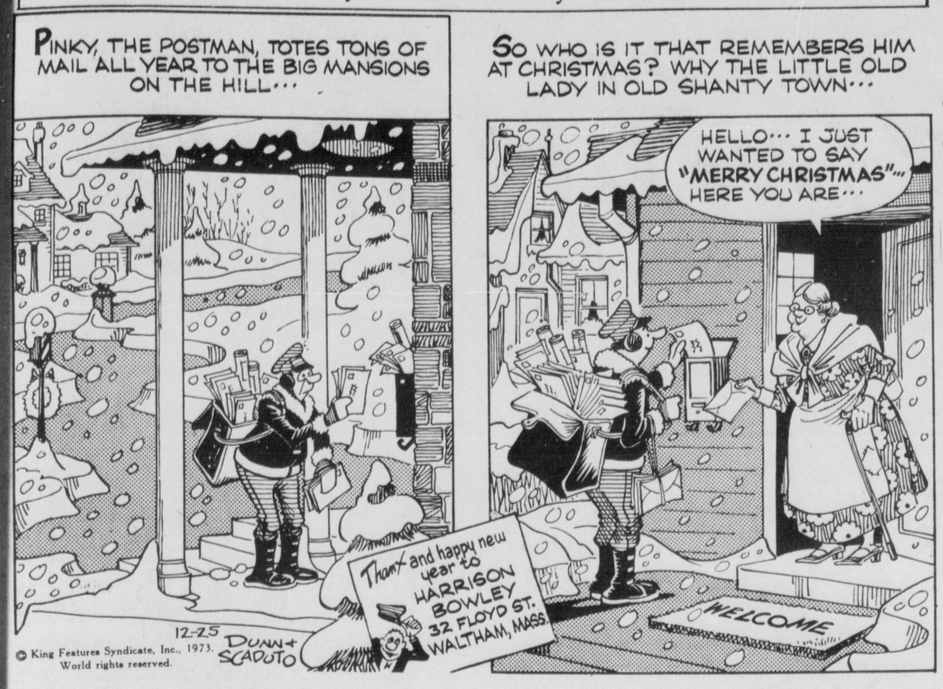

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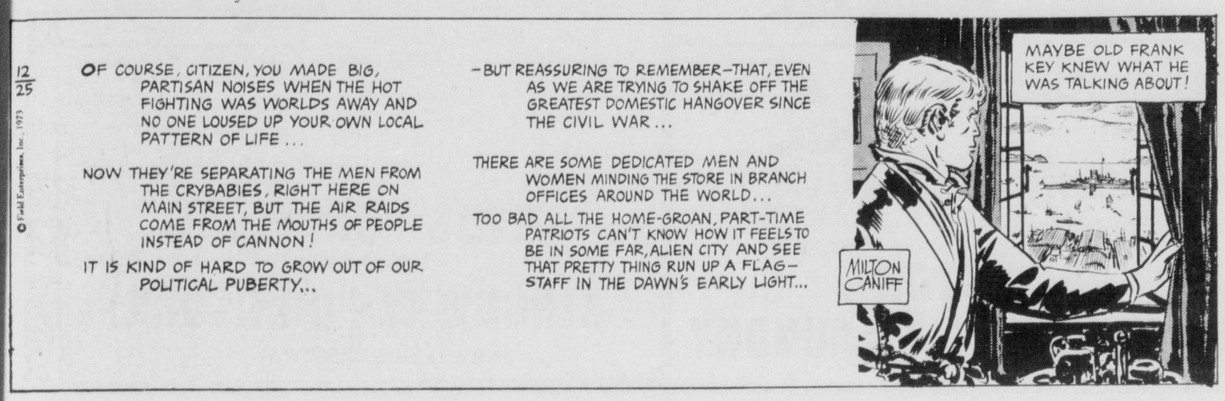

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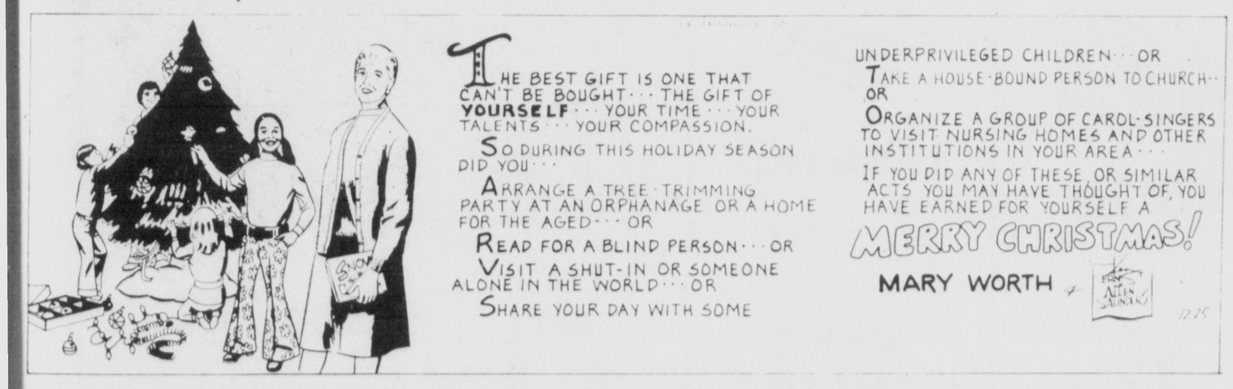

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Today in U.S. History

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 1973. There are six days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1776, George Washington's troops began to cross the Delaware River to attack Hessian forces encamped at Tenton, N.J., during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1642, English mathematician who discovered the law of gravity, Sir Isaac Newton, was born.

In 786, a farmer revolt in Massachusetts known as "Shays' Rebellion" began.

In 1818, the Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was sung for the first time at the Austrian village of Oberncorff, where it had been composed by the schoolmaster.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!"

OUT OUR WAY by Neg Cochran

Hodgepodge

ACROSS

1 Crucifix
6 Gunlock catch (pl.)
11 Time of year
12 Feminine appellation
14 Cloak
15 Wanness
16 Devotee
17 Satan
19 Nigerian Negro
20 Letters
22 Alleged force
23 Followers
24 Moving circularly
27 Fat
28 Certain canal locks (coll.)
29 Individual
30 Explosive
31 Through
32 Delicacies
35 Welts
39 The same (Latin)
40 Thus
41 Female relative
42 Heavy weight
43 Lebanese tree
46 Route (ab.)
47 Expunged
49 Meditate
51 Determine
52 Cleans by rubbing
53 Restrain
54 Sigmoid curves

DOWN

1 Stopped
2 Raved
3 Hops' kiln (var.)
4 Disposed of by sale
5 Koko's weapon
6 Palatable
7 Epochal
8 Entire amount
9 Narrate
10 Sleeper's sounds
11 Strike
13 Eaten away
18 Danish weight
21 Formal method
23 Parish in Louisiana
25 Charged atoms
26 Negative word
27 Heavy blow
29 Choose
32 Quoted
33 Idolized
34 Bridge holding
35 Turf
36 Indiana university
37 Penetrates
38 Those who (suffix)
40 Hebrew festival
43 Surrender
44 Church part
45 Mythical birds
48 Be seated
50 Numbers (ab.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	I	N	K		T	A	N		B	L	U	E
R	O	A	N		O	L	E		L	A	R	S
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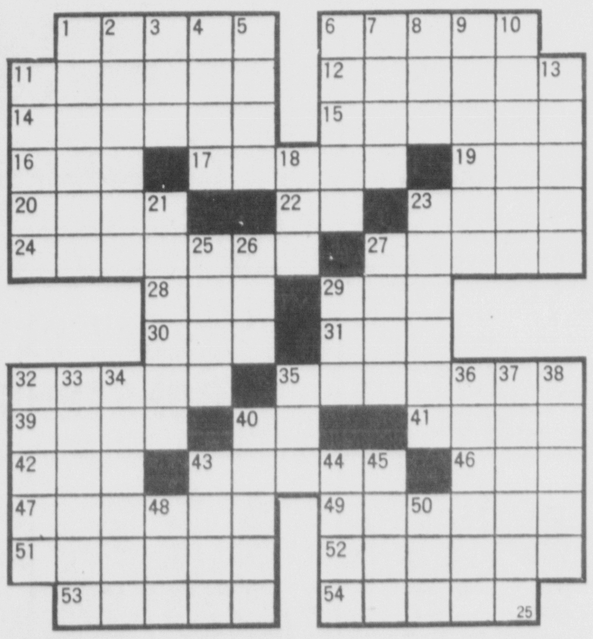

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1 Call	31 Called	61 Hunches	
2 Morning	32 Enhances	62 And	
3 You	33 An	63 Day	
4 Keep	34 Collected	64 Friend	
5 Hide	35 Ideal	65 Of	
6 Can	36 Tokens	66 Assistance	
7 You	37 Day	67 Good	
8 Favors	38 Contacts	68 Dislikes	
9 Your	39 Got	69 Surprises	
10 May	40 For	70 For	
11 Elders	41 Your	71 Affection	
12 Parties	42 While	72 Friends	
13 Be	43 Private	73 Love	
14 Finances	44 Some	74 Surround	
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THE RYATTS by Jack Elrod

Merry Christmas

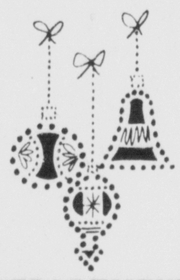
A Christmas filled with joy and laughter. A holiday abundant in peace and love . . . our season's wishes to you and yours.

A Christmas Wish

May you follow your own Christmas star to find the answer to your own dreams. And may the peace of the season be yours . . . today and evermore. Best of holiday wishes!

OZBURN-ABSTON CO. OF MISSOURI INC.

Season's Greetings



We wish you a very merry Christmas. May each magic moment fill your heart with happiness . . . warmth. Our special thanks to good friends, loyal patrons.

SIKESTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF GARY LINNEMEYER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

That happy time of year is here! Fill your heart and home with its joy. Bake homemade cookies, sing carols and string the tree with popcorn. Enjoy each simple pleasure . . . make them all a family affair.

NICHOLSON'S TIRE SERVICE

A Christmas Wish

That each and every one's heart and soul be filled with true season's blessings.

MR. BILL'S
BEAUTY SCHOOL & SALON

Happy Holiday

Deck the tree with ornaments bright . . . and with our greetings merry and light!

SMITH FUNERAL HOME
104 Petty

Merry Christmas

'Tis the season to be cheery! Laugh . . . feast . . . carol. Join in all the fun festivities . . . be merry. And help make this the most together, happy-to-remember Christmas ever.

GARDEN LANE NURSERY
527 S. KINGSHIGHWAY

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Humbly let us lift our hearts and adore the Lord at Christmas and every day.

GUY'S HEARING AID CENTER
309 W. Malone

Christmas Cheer

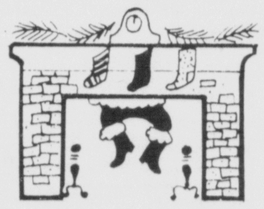
We're ready to strum out a merry tune. To the chorus of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

SIKESTON KIWANIS CLUB

Happy Holiday

As on the First Noel . . . may each heart ring true and be blessed.

Shoe Box
Downtown Sikeston



Christmas Joy

Santa's about to enter on the picture . . . with a sack full of joyful greetings, direct from our office up North.

HELEN'S FLORIST

Best Wishes

A tinkle of silvery bells, a wreath of our best wishes. Happy holidays, dear friends!

PARKER GARAGE

Holiday Cheer

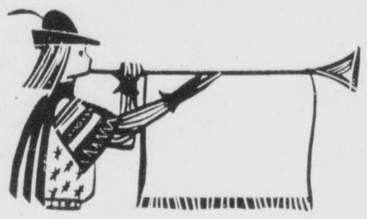
May these merry bells keep ringing out happy holidays in your home and heart this season.

HARRIS PHARMACY

Season's Greetings

As Jack Frost nips at your nose and bites your toes our wishes will warm your heart.

SIKESTON DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDRY



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Another Christmas is being heralded. Join with family . . . friends in light-hearted celebration. Let's make it festive and do it up bright! During the holidays do remember that we're grateful for your support. Our thanks.

BLOEMER'S GROCERY
1056 N. Kingshighway

CHEERS

FROM THE GANG AT SAMBO'S

A Christmas Wish

Deck Christmas with joy and laughter . . . family togetherness and thankfulness.

HARRY'S BARBER SHOP

Greetings

May each candle's glow reflect joy, peaceful thoughts this holiday season.

CATO'S
Manager,
Francis Emerson

HELLO

Enjoy each tranquil moment of this peaceful season. Share them with loved ones.

AAA AUTO PARTS
Skip & Castor

Christmas Greetings

Let's all celebrate to the fullest this joyous holiday season. May it be full of happiness to share.

RAY CLINTON CONSTRUCTION CO.

Yuletide Greetings

Fill your heart with delight. Reflect on that first Christmas night.

C & S FORD TRACTOR INC.

Holiday Greetings

Trim the tree, deck the halls, display greeting cards. Accept our warm "thanks."

DAVIS MARBLE CO.

GREETINGS

May the faith that led the Three Wise Men find a home in your heart.

BILL'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

Yuletide Joy

Here's a stocking filled with love. It's brimming over with warm wishes.

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, INC.
AIRPORT DR. - PHONE 471-0090

Best Wishes

May hearts everywhere be filled with contentment.

BELL'S ELECTRONICS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's the holiday of holidays . . . the time we look forward to every year. Let's make each shining moment count. By being lighthearted and loving . . . kind and sincere. To all . . . thanks.

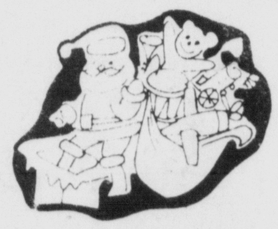
LEWIS FURNITURE
Malone Ave.
KINGSWAY FURNITURE
South Kingshighway

Merry Christmas

To neighbors, patrons . . . friends all. We're on route to bring happy holiday messages your way. And to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness and loyal support.

LEONARD'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
471-0052

Christmas Cheer



Bright, light-hearted wishes to folks young and old. Enjoy and be merry this season.

McDONALD'S CLOTH SHOP

BEST WISHES

Hope your holidays are filled with things to make Christmas bright.

WILMA'S BEAUTY SHOP
425 Helen

CHEERIO

Snowmen with coal eyes . . . carrot noses are a part of Christmas. As is our good cheer.

C.H. YANSON, Jeweler

Happy Holiday

To wonderful patrons and friends . . . happy thoughts for a joyous, peaceful Yuletide.

EL CAPRI RESTAURANT

Greetings

Wrap up the season with our good wishes for love, peace and joy. To one and all!

SIKESTON TRUSS COMPANY

Christmas

"WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR..."
As the Wise Men came from the
East to find the newborn King...
so do we gather now at the manger...
seeking new answers to age-old
questions:
"Where is meaning?
What is joy?
How can we know peace?"

Now...as then
...the answers are in the hearts of
men, waiting to be searched out,
recognized and understood.

May each of us find the strength
and wisdom to follow his own
star to truth.

May the peace that passeth all
understanding be with us at
Christmas and all through the year.

From the Employees of The Daily Standard

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'Crafty' ideas for creative Christmas gifting

Add ingenuity to holiday wrappings with colored construction paper and Elmer's Glue-All. Make 3-D figures by cutting two of each design, slit top of one, bottom of another to interlock them. Glue to already-wrapped presents.

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Create adorable elves for table decor: use shelled walnut halves glued together for bodies, top with filbert heads, shelled almonds for feet. Use paper, small beads for mouths, eyes, hands and hats.

For delightful tree decorations, salvage egg shells, by piercing small hole in each end, blowing through one end so white and yolk fall into bowl (for use in baking, scrambling). Cover eggshell with Elmer's, dip into glitter for sparkle.

Children will enjoy making 3-D Christmas cards from shirt cardboards decorated with cut-outs of felt, foil, fabric, cotton or beads. Glue on with Elmer's. Trim edges with ric-rac for the final touch of holiday flair. It's fun.

For lovely personalized tree-trimmings, take plain, solid-colored ornaments, let children write their names, the date with Elmer's Glue-All. Sprinkle glitter in contrasting colors over Elmer's for sparkling, personalized tree-trimming.

Make balloon-wrap ornaments by dipping string into bowl of Elmer's Glue-All, wrapping around already-inflated balloon. When glue is thoroughly dry, puncture and remove balloon. Ornament can be spraypainted with Krylon, then dipped into glitter for sparkle.

Decorate your tree with a colorful paper chain; cut strips of colored construction paper 4" long. Glue one strip end-to-end to form a loop. Loop strip of contrasting color through it, continue same until a long rope is formed.

Hearty grog adds glow to Yuletide fest

It's Christmas, time for shared moments with family and friends, for celebration and nostalgia, for traditional partying, feasting and fun.

Of the many traditions bound into this joyful season, perhaps the most delightful is the tree-trimming party.

Invite a few close friends over to share with you and your family a quiet evening of bedecking the tree by the soft glow of candlelight, or let a friendly fire blaze in the hearth.

To brighten holiday spirits even more, why not brew up a delightful, traditional grog from Germany?

This warm, mellow drink is aptly named *"gluewein,"* which is German for "glowing wine" and it *will* add a pleasant glow to your holiday festivities from tree-trimming time to Twelfth Night celebrations.

Although it's made from port wine, which is rather sweet, the addition of lemon and cinnamon turns it into a subtly spicy, lovely drink that will remain a family favorite.

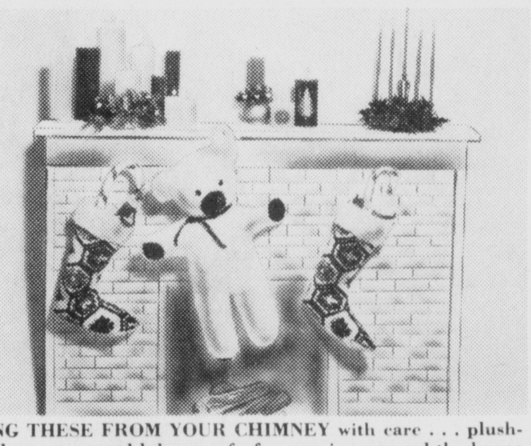
"GLUEWEIN"

1 qt. port wine
1¾ cups water
1½ sticks cinnamon
1½ lemons, sliced
½ to ⅔ cups sugar, to taste

Place all ingredients in a 2-qt. pot; simmer over low heat for ten minutes, stirring gently until sugar completely dissolves. Remove cinnamon sticks, float a lemon slice in each serving.

'Sew' easy for Christmas

UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS COME ALIVE with a Viking . . . like this cuddly fun-fur jacket, plush-lined tapestry mittens. Teddy bear, too, sewn on a Viking . . . easily with Viking's exclusive free arm for expert tailoring of sleeves, curves. "Santa" candle by Lenox.



HANG THESE FROM YOUR CHIMNEY with care . . . plush-lined, tapestry mukluks, comfy for wearing around the house on those cold, winter nights, and so easy-to-sew with the Viking 6000 machine, with exclusive stitch and tailoring features. "Teddy," too, is a Viking sew-up. Candles by Lenox.

Sew up Christmas gifting with ease

Say more than just "Merry Christmas" this year with furry, "fun"-sational gifts you've made yourself with your home sewing machine. Hand-made gifts add a special, personal note to seasonal gifting, give *you* a chance to show off your creativity.

With the versatile Viking, creativity comes easy . . . no matter what you're sewing, or how inexperienced a sewer you are. Exclusive Tri-motion stitch mechanism sews up furry, deep-pile fabrics and "fun" furs as easily as any lightweight cotton.

With "fun" furs, the possibilities for creating wonderful things are almost endless . . . whip up a lovely, full-length robe for snuggling up.

CHRISTMAS Greetings

Sing out the songs of Yuletide cheer. It's the season to be joyful and to thank our many good friends. Noel!

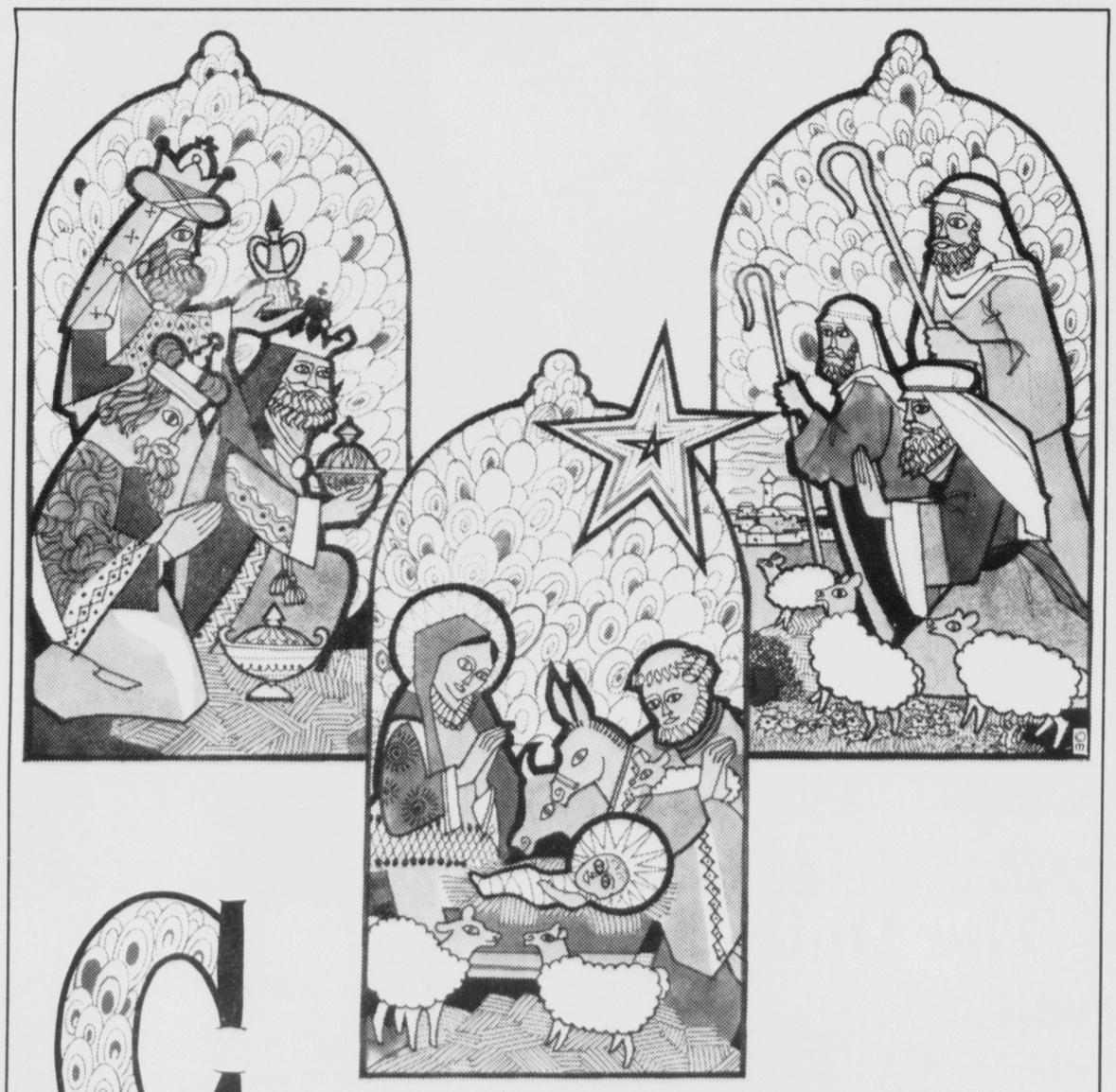
WHITES DRUG STORE

YOUR REXALL DRUG STORE
RUSSELL STOVER CANDIES
108 N. NEW MADRID 471-0274

Old-Fashioned Greetings

Hope you and your family share an old-fashioned Christmas decked with friendship, fellowship, festivity.

Falkoff's
MENS & BOYS SHOP
104 E. FRONT SIKESTON 471-9331



CHRISTMAS...

A time for spiritual rededication.
A time for sharing memories and renewing cherished friendships. A time for joy and peace.

Sealtest
BOOTHEEL DAIRY
ED RING, DISTRIBUTOR

With pride
and gratitude
for the loyalty you have shown,
we extend our sincerest wishes
that you and yours enjoy
A Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

KOHLFELD DISTRIBUTING CO.
110 MISSOURI SIKESTON, MO.

Festive plum pudding 'plum out of plums'

In England a holiday dinner means a roast goose and a flaming plum pudding, the famous pudding about which Americans have only read, or imagine to be some sort of custardy thing made with plums.

The festive plum pudding so lovingly mentioned from Shakespeare to Dickens to the latest novels has, in fact, no plums in it.

It is a firm, high-molded, deep brown dessert based on bread crumbs, suet and dried fruit, and could be a delicious alternative from holiday fruitcake for the American gourmet.

The steamed, firm pudding is heavy with fruit, drenched in brandy, dramatic with pale blue flames and gay with a sprig of redberried holly.

A moist, generous portion is scooped onto the plate and dolloped with cold Cumberland rum butter. The combination of cold hard sauce and hot, soft pudding finishes off a gala dinner with mouthwatering delight.

Begin your holiday feast with another English favorite, a wassail cup: simple, but elegant as a fine, blended Scotch like 173-year-old Famous Grouse, a 90-proof wonder whose rich flavor stands up to ice dilution or a splash of soda.

This time stuff a roast goose instead of a turkey, with plenty of sage, applesauce and onions, and serve it with sausages, mashed potatoes and vegetables.

The English adore mince pie for Christmas, though an American apple pie with ice cream sits a little better with our children.

But the fruity, mystic, flame-wreathed plum pudding, centuries ancient, brought to the table with the same awed ceremony as in Dickens' Cratchit family, could mark 1973 as the beginning of a tradition on your festive table, eagerly anticipated every holiday season by all.

PLUM PUDDING
(May be refrigerated up to a year!)

¾ cup each:
chopped dates
dark raisins
golden raisins
¼ cup each:
chopped mixed candied fruit peel
chopped candied cherries
½ cup each:
slivered almonds
chopped nuts
1 small, tart cooking apple, peeled and chopped coarsely
¼ lb. (1 cup) minced suet (very important)

In a large, deep bowl mix very well all ingredients. Then stir in:
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
½ cup soft bread crumbs
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp. each cinnamon and salt
1½ tsp. baking powder

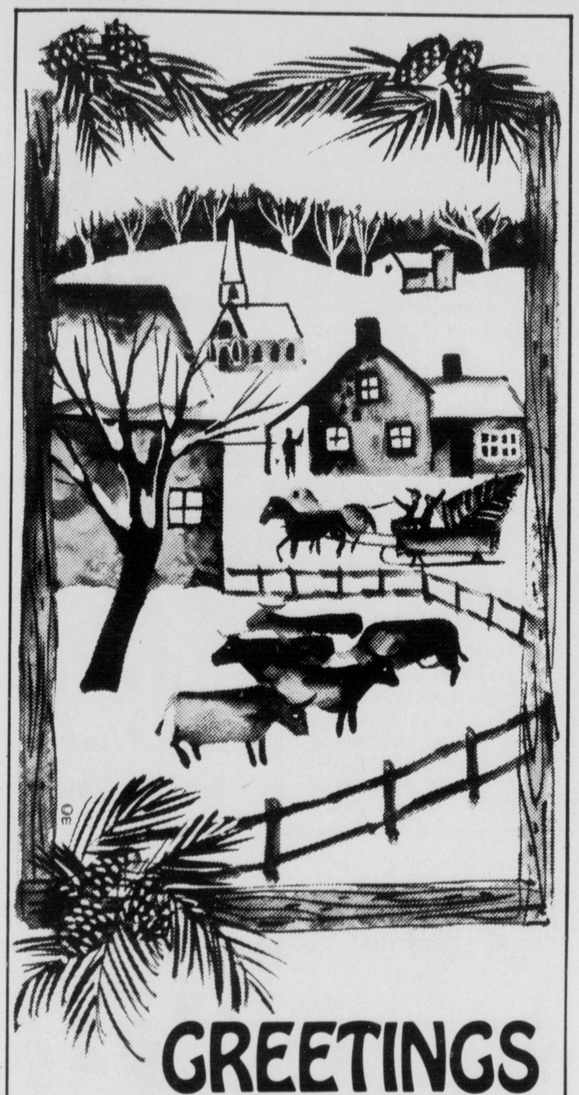
In separate bowl beat 4 eggs frothy, stir in ¾ cup brandy, ¼ cup mixed orange and lemon juice, pour over fruit mixture. Knead vigorously until all is well blended. Cover with damp cloth and refrigerate 12 hours.

Turn mixture into 2 well-greased pudding molds (or 1 qt. bowls), cover with butter foil tightly secured, drape a damp kitchen towel over each and tie with cord in middle of bowl, knot up ends over center of mold.

Put in deep kettle, pour boiling water to ¾ depth of molds. Cover pot tightly and steam over low flame 3 hours, adding water as needed.

Remove from steamer, let cool, remove towels and foil, recover tightly and refrigerate for at least 3 weeks. To serve, resteam for 1 hour, unmold, warm ¼ cup brandy for each pudding, ignite and pour over.

The success of this recipe depends on all the time the flavors are given to meld and the slow steaming.



GREETINGS at CHRISTMAS

Seasonal excitement is in the air as spirits mount. To all our good patrons go sincere thanks.

MID DELTA AGENCY
SIKESTON, MO.

Wake up to music

A TIME-LY REMINDER and the gift of AM and FM broadcast music and sound are combined in this digital AM-FM clock radio. This receiver, suggested for Christmas gifting by Zenith, also has a wake-to-music or buzzer alarm convenience. Raised cabinet is grained walnut color with chrome trim.

Digital clock radio will be welcome wake-up gift for him

Want to give your husband a gift that you will be able to benefit from as much as he? Give him a digital clock radio.

Since the clock alarm turns the radio on at a preset time in the morning, you won't have to hear a buzzer or bell wake you up when it's time for him to get up.

Harsh buzzers and bells annoy some people, but soft easy music can wake them gently, yet quietly.

Zenith's digital clock radios have illuminated easy-to-read numbers that tell you the time without requiring you to turn on a lamp in the middle of the night. Most sets play both AM and FM so their use as a room radio begins after you awaken.

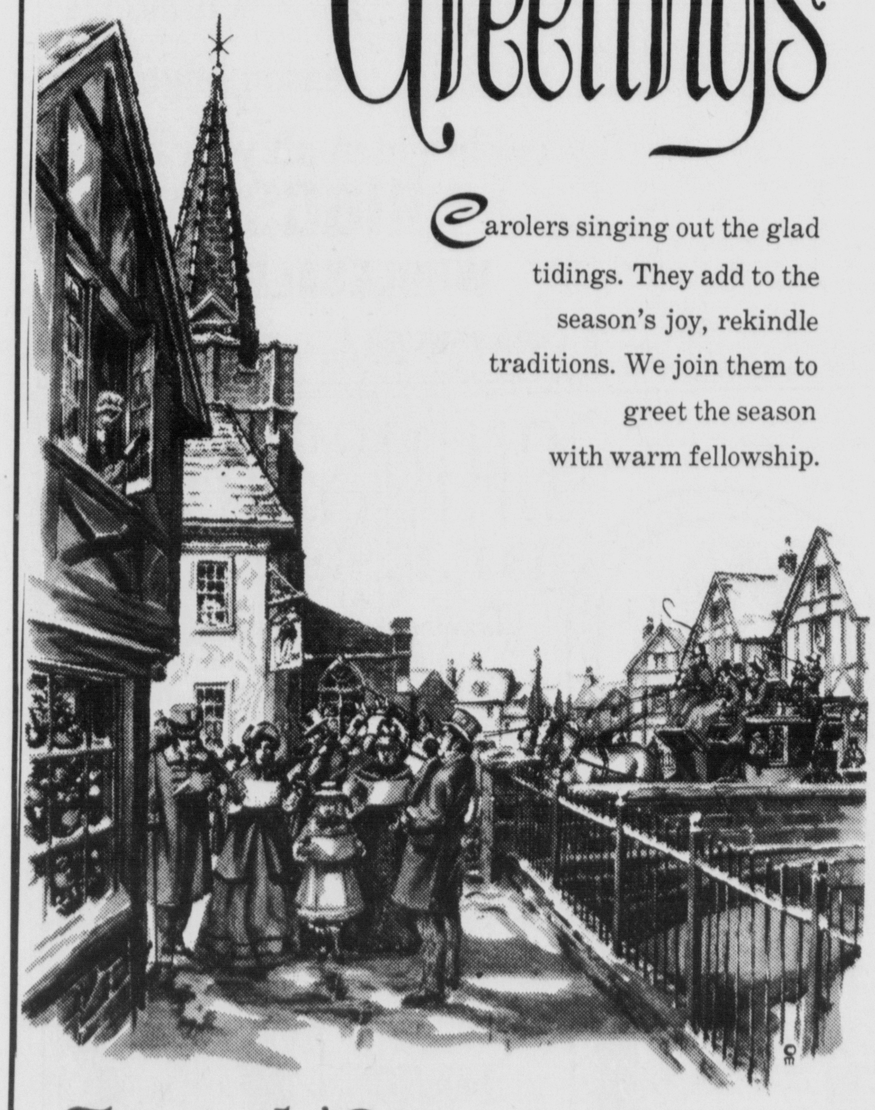
A repeating wake-up alarm enables those who wake up slowly to be "called" up to four times each morning, yet it allows them about "40 winks" in between without fear of oversleeping.

BEST WISHES AT
Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones.
It has been a pleasure to serve you.

HAMBRICK ELECTRIC
GREER ST. SIKESTON

THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE CO



Greetings

Carolers singing out the glad tidings. They add to the season's joy, rekindle traditions. We join them to greet the season with warm fellowship.

Joy and Peace

TUCKER
TRUCK LINES

Gifts from the kitchen improve holiday spirits

SPELLING TEST
"Merry Christmas" in Chinese is Kung Hsi Hsin Nien Bing Chu Shen Tan.

Stuff a stocking with pies this year and eat desserts merrily ever after

Here's a great stocking stuffer for any pie connoisseur — the "Calendar of Great American Pies" by Marlene Parrish and Mary Kay Poppenberg.

The 23-page book offers 12 tasty pastries, one for each month of the year starting with January's pecan pie and ending with December's chocolate mousse.

Other pies included in the book are: cherry, rhubarb, toasted coconut, lemon meringue, strawberry, blueberry, peach, pear crunch, apple and pumpkin — all old-fashioned pies, but not difficult recipes to follow.

The book also includes tips on how to roll dough between two sheets of Cut-Rite wax paper for forming pie crusts, ways to perform the always-difficult pastry arranging for lattice tops and fluting, as well as other ways to make pastry.

Here's a mouth-watering sample for Pecan Pie:

- 3 eggs
- ½ cup light-brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup dark corn syrup
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- pastry for a 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup (or 8 oz. can) pecan halves

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Prepare 9-inch unbaked pie shell. Crust rolled between two sheets of Cut-Rite wax paper has the advantage of being manageable and there's no flour mess.
3. Beat eggs well in medium bowl. Add sugar, corn syrup, salt, vanilla and beat until well mixed.
4. Stir in melted butter and pecans.
5. Pour into pie shell.
6. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until filling is set in center when pie is gently shaken.
7. Place on a rack to cool.

This very rich pie is especially good when served slightly warm. Place on a hot-tray or in a warm oven about 10-15 minutes before serving.

There's more steaming treats where this one came from in the "Calendar of Great American Pies" available for $2.25 a copy, or $1.00 plus one Seal of Quality from Cut-Rite. Send a check or money order to: Pie Calendar Book, Scott Paper Company, Scott Plaza, Philadelphia, Pa. 19113.

PIEMAKERS TAKE HEART! Two housewives, Mary Kay Poppenberg, left, and Marlene Parrish have put together the "Calendar of Great American Pies" filled with mouth-watering recipes for each month of the year.

Gala beginning

THE GALA BEGINNING and end of a holiday feast: Famous Grouse on-the-rocks for the opening toast, and flaming English plum pudding for a delectable finish; elegant offerings all will remember.

HOLLY BY GOLLY

Holly comes in over 100 varieties, and is almost universally grown.

Quick-cooking for the busy tennis buff

Once engrossed in the game, it's hard for a housewife who plays tennis to fight the terrible temptation to spend more time on the courts and less time in the kitchen. But why fight it?

Two tennis housewives, Marlene Parrish and Mary Kay Poppenberg, teamed up to write the "I'd Rather Play Tennis Than Cook" cookbook which is a boon to any busy housewife who wants to spend less time cooking over a hot stove.

The recipes — complete with tennis term titles—are easy-to-cook gourmet types that are sure to satisfy any hungry family with a minimum of effort.

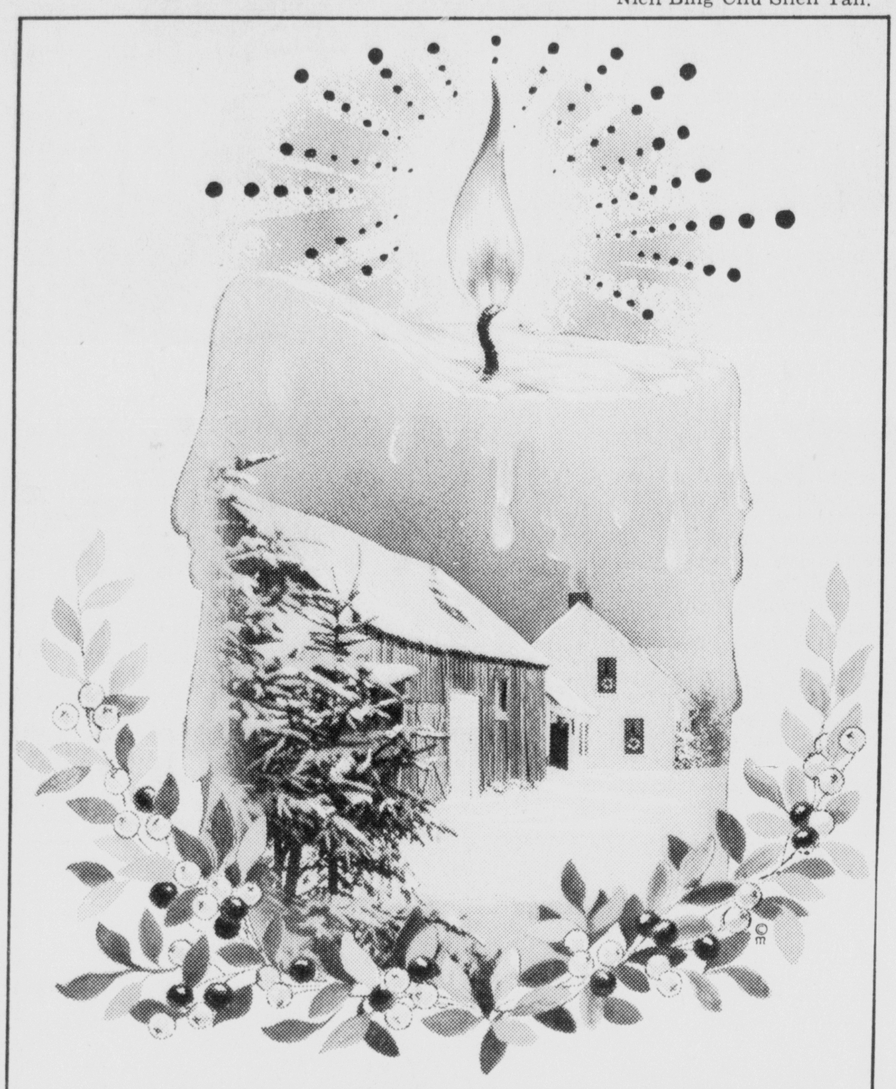
For instance, it's simple to prepare a meal of Racquet of Lamb; Love-Apple Bake; Don Budge Fudge Brownies; and a Rosewall-Banger (Vodka, Galliano, and orange juice).

To keep the meal simple, yet appealing, use Scott placemats in colorful prints and matching Scott Family Napkins. These make clean-up all the quicker in case an after-dinner tennis match is on the agenda.

The 40-page "I'd Rather Play Tennis Than Cook" cookbook makes an ideal gift — not just for tennis buffs, but any active woman. To receive the book, send $2.25, or $1.00 plus the Seal of Quality from one package of Viva Napkins, to: Tennis Cookbook, Scott Paper Company, Scott Plaza, Philadelphia, Pa. 19113.

PYRAMIDING PRESENTS

The custom of gift-giving at holiday times and festivals dates back centuries. In Ancient Egypt New Year presents were exchanged; a fact unearthed when archaeologists discovered small blue bottles inscribed with New Year's greetings in the tombs of the Pharaohs.



GREETINGS

We hope that the true spirit of Christmas will bring a glow to your spirits, warmth to your heart. Thanks to all!

ORAN STATE BANK
BENTON FACILITY

OAK ROOM LOUNGE
Kingsway Mall

May the spirit of the Christmas season linger on and brighten all your days.
RIGGS WHOLESALE CO.
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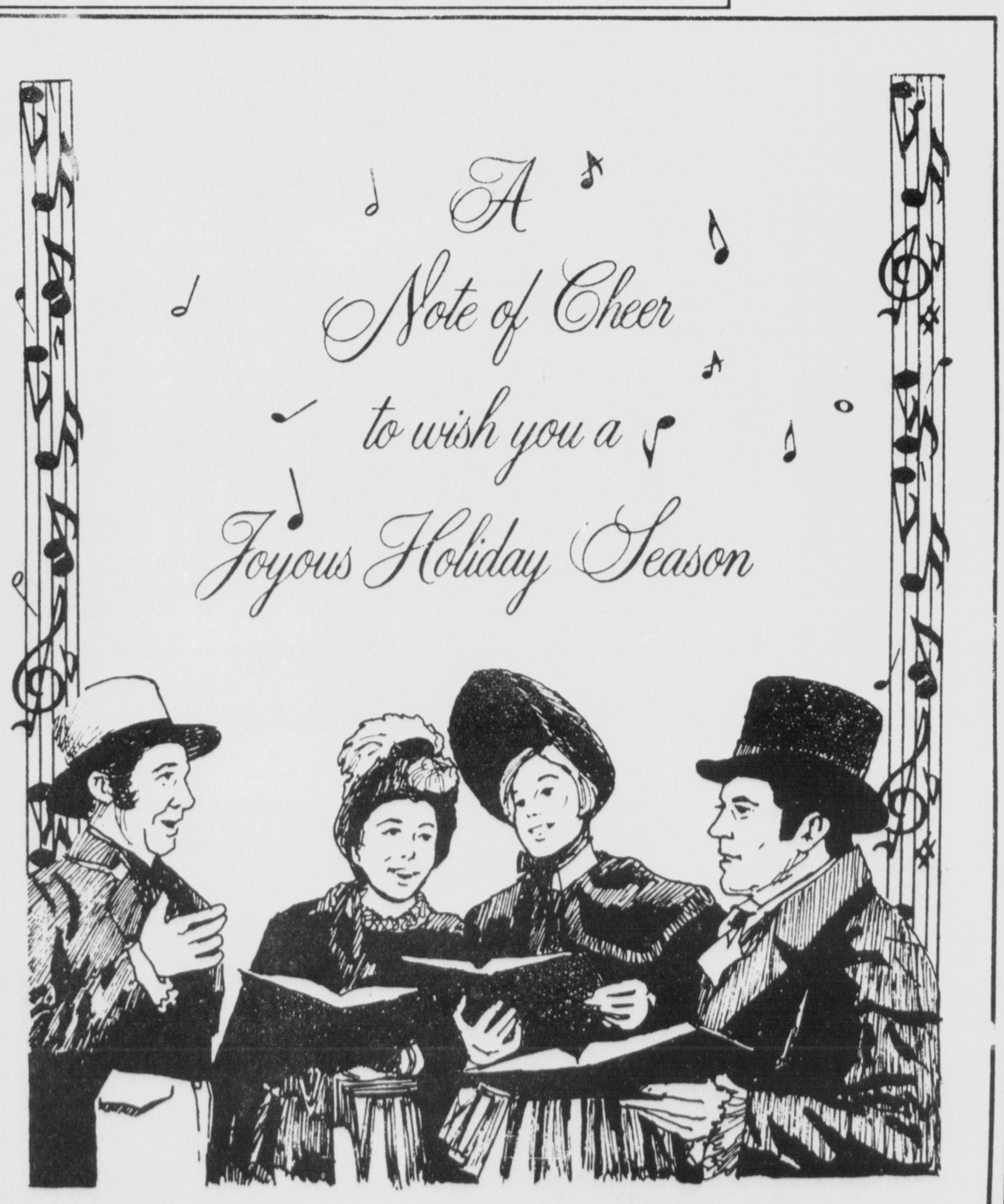


A Note of Cheer to wish you a Joyous Holiday Season

INTERNATIONAL SHOE CO.
SIKESTON, MISSOURI

GREETINGS
Our warmest wishes for happiness at this Christmastime go forth to you.
SUPERIOR BUSINESS MACHINES
112 E. CENTER
SIKESTON, MO.
471-9111 - 471-7265

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the spirit of Christmas enrich your life and bring you joy and love . . . today and always.

LIBERTY SUPER MARKET
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Using candles creatively for decorating

There's many a place — both expected and unexpected — for candles to illumine your home with a burst of Christmas spirit, says French-born Madame Liane Kuony, designer for Lenox Candles.

The candles available for this Christmas burst are colorful and creative, with holiday shapes that include Santas, trees and holly balls; scents of mistletoe, evergreen and holiday spice, and decorative holders and holly rings which Madame Kuony has created for the Lenox collection.

Apart from their charm as Christmas trimmings, these Yuletide candles make welcome gifts for others.

"Couple candles with your ingenuity for festival of light throughout your holiday home this season," suggests Madame Kuony. Here are some of her tips for super candle decorating:

Start Christmas at the front door by grouping stately columns of varying heights and widths — decorated with angel, holly and partridge motifs — on a table in the foyer. Add one or two holly ball candles for

A CERAMIC SANTA topped with cone-shaped candle and fine china with a holly motif set a festive mood at any Christmas table. The candle is one of the many novelties from Lenox Candles; the china is a part of Lenox's Holiday Collection.

contrast, and watch your friends' expressions as they enter your home by candlelight.

Surprise your dinner guests with an individual Santa candle at each place setting. They make great gifts, and a jolly Santa, lighted of course, above each dinner plate adds a festive touch to any repast.

Nestle a candle delightfully scented with mistletoe or evergreen in a decorative ring as an accent for the bath and let candlelight give your bath a cozy glow.

Even expected places, says Madame Kuony, such as table centerpiece, fireplace mantle, and end tables are warmly enhanced with the glow of Christmas candles.

Lenox has recreated the three kings, Gaspar, Balthazar and Melchior, as holders for slim tapers that can be grouped at a table's center, spread across a mantle or clustered on an end table surrounded by sprays of fir.

She also suggests massing column candles or pillars interspersed with pine cones and red candle balls as snappy accents for these areas.

Add a touch of candle fantasy, says Madame Kuony, and trim your home with all shapes, sizes and scents of Christmas luminaries.

Lenox Candles are from the makers of Lenox China/Crystal.

Wines match casual tones of the Yule season

The Holiday season is upon us, and Holidays mean entertaining, renewing friendships, and creating happiness.

Today we have done away with much of the work and formality of years ago; instead, we have a casual, comfortable attitude which adds a new warmth and richness to holiday living.

Hostess helper

To help her achieve this goal, the Christmas hostess finds that wine, especially imported French wine, is as right for entertaining as it is for gift-giving.

One of the most delightful French wines, particularly appropriate for the holidays, is Marquisat, the remarkable Beaujolais Villages red wine which the French classify above any regular Beaujolais.

With good wine, the holiday gathering of family or friends has just the right touch of warmth and luxury. Wine is right for all occasions: at cocktail time, for dinner, during the evening, or with late supper. Wine is also an ideal gift, reflecting the warmth of the giver.

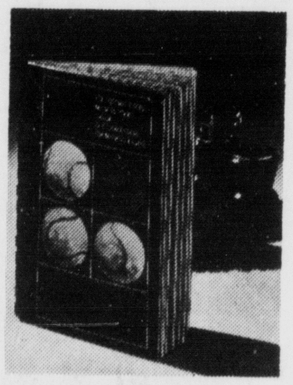
No mystery

Serving wine is no longer a mystery. Our life style makes it simple: white wine should be slightly chilled; red wine should be served at a cool room temperature. Any attractive "general" wine glass is right for all wines.

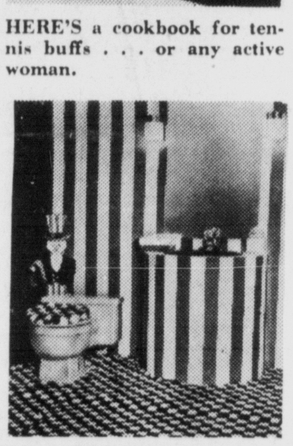
You can also forget wondering "what goes with what" when serving wine. Wine lovers today find that the best way is to drink what you like, with whatever food you like.

So, for pleasant and easy holiday entertaining, some Marquisat wine (either the red Beaujolais Villages or the white Macon Blanc) will add just the right touch.

Tasty serve



HERE'S a cookbook for tennis buffs . . . or any active woman.



GIVE YOUR bathroom a fresh new look for Christmas with Glenoit do-it-yourself kits in a variety of color combinations.

Checkmate: game plan for beautiful bath

Why not treat the whole family this Christmas to a rejuvenated bathroom like this colorful one with an Americana motif. It's so easy to do.

The checkered carpeting comes in a kit, complete with patterns to cut to size and dimensions of the bathroom, and matching lid cover.

The do-it-yourself kit is available in combinations of white with blue (shown here), green, lilac, gold or canary yellow.

Best of all, these Glenoit deep pile fabrics are machine washable and can be tumble dried.

Plan now to shop for perfect tree

Between December 1st and December 24th, over 105-million people will make an annual pilgrimage to shop for the "perfect" Christmas Tree.

Although only 35-million people will actually buy trees, it is estimated that more than 70-million — mostly children — will accompany Dad or Mom on the tree spree.

Selecting a Christmas tree that is just right requires a bit more shopping around than might be expected. Prices vary widely from vendor to vendor and many are willing to bargain for a price, especially as the Day nears.

Before venturing to discover a "perfect" tree, you might want to consider the space the tree is going to occupy.

Trim a tree creatively

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and homemakers are faced with the annual task of organizing their households for the oncoming rush of "season's greeters."

Children everywhere are keyed-up with anticipation, and finding things to keep them occupied and off-the-scene is no minor chore.

Why not give *them* something interesting to do, save yourself time *and* do your pocketbook a good turn all at once. Let the children, with the aid of some everyday household items and a container of Elmer's Glue-All or new (washable) Elmer's School Glue, direct their creativity toward *making* Christmas ornaments this year.

Put the oldest child in charge of directing tree-trim-making activities and set up rules for the rest of the youngsters to follow.

Or, if all the children are a young age, you might consider asking for help from your favorite babysitter. Home-baked holiday cookies might be an irresistible reward. (You might even enjoy a bit of creative playtime yourself!)

Here are some easy, inventive ideas to start you off, so get the children together, give them a container of Elmer's and just take it from there!

(Note: If children are very young, give them new Elmer's School Glue, made to wash out of fabrics easily. Now you can let the little ones get into the Christmas spirit *without* worrying about the mess they'll make!)

May the sweet joys
of Christmas fill the hearts
of you and yours, now and evermore.

FRED'S
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

May the season be abloom with peace and love for all. We appreciate your generous support.

THE FLOWER BASKET
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

A wreath of Yuletime happiness to you. Thanks for your confidence in us.

MOORE'S ACE HARDWARE
SIKESTON, MO.

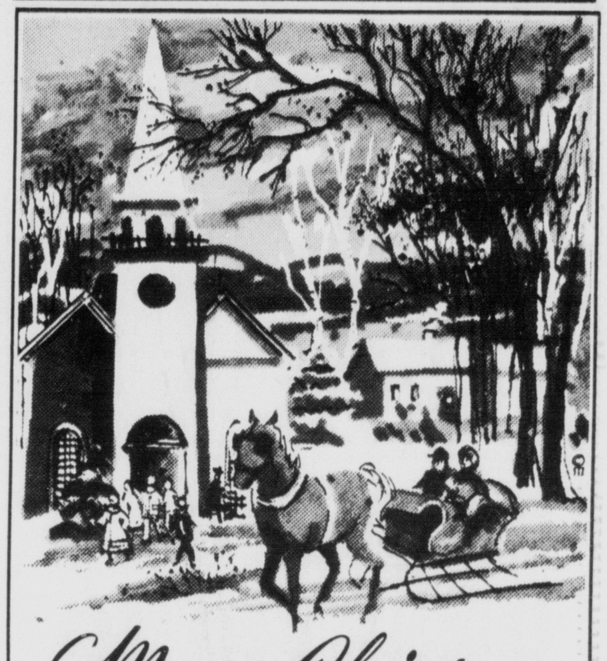
All the Joys of Christmas

We hope the Christmas promise of a bright future is fulfilled for you and your family. For your valued patronage, we thank you.

VOGUE DRESS SHOP
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Holiday prescription: lots of family happiness, warmth, fun. Our gratitude for your patronage.

JAMES DRUG STORE
SIKESTON, MO.



To the Christmas season, we say, "Welcome!" To our good friends and patrons, we say, "Thanks and the best of everything always!"

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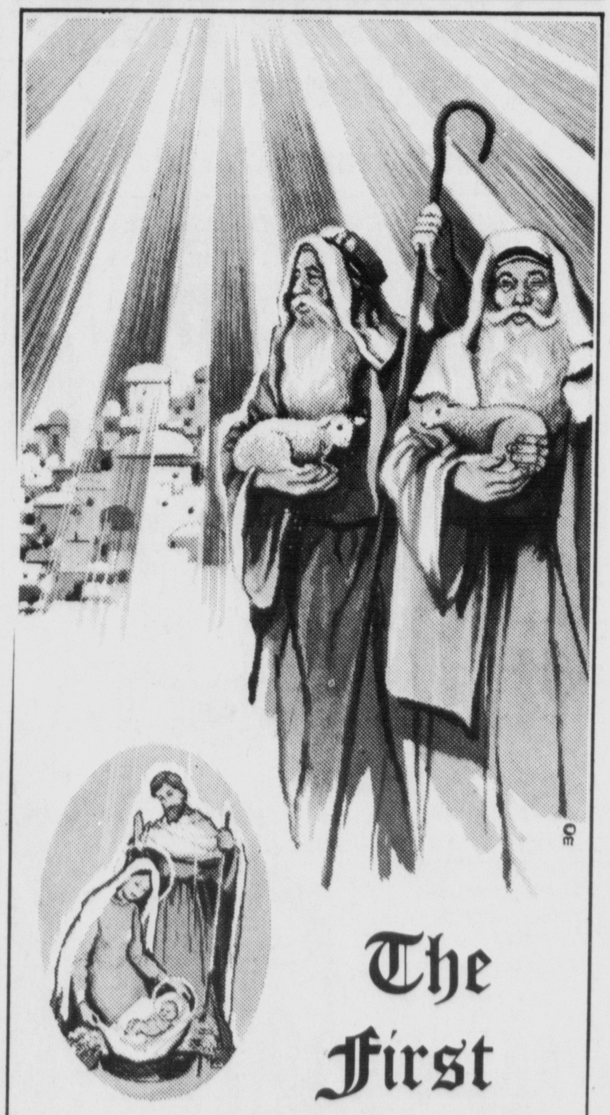
NEW MADRID TRACTOR CO.



The First Christmas

Silent night, holy night . . . May the joy of Christ's birth live in your heart today and forevermore.

STERLING'S
SIKESTON, MO.

WARM FRIENDSHIP, CHILDREN PLAYING, MERRIMENT . . . ALL PART OF A JOYFUL YULETIDE. FOR US, CHRISTMAS IS ALSO TIME TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY.

Chief Leon Culp and the Sikeston Police Dept.

PEACE, JOY

Wishing all of you the most joyous of holiday seasons. Thanks for making our future so bright.

SIKESTON COTTON OIL MILL
SIKESTON, MO.

Hobby gifts suggest 'do your own thing'

How nice to select a gift whose hidden as well as obvious ingredients appeal to most anyone. And there is no worry about size or color or whether it will be returned after Christmas or tossed in a closet to gather dust.

It's an unforgettable gift with endless pleasure. It's the gift of a do-it-yourself hobby.

Countless reasons are cited for the boom in hobbies and crafts. It's the age of doing your own thing. It's a search for individuality in a computerized society.

Hobby is . . .

Depending on the age and frame of mind of the hobbyist, psychologists say, having a hobby is fun, creative, relaxing, therapeutic, or educational. It helps build a sense of confidence and pride in achievement.

"Painting, even by number, building or operating a miniature electric train empire, flying scale model planes, or assembling and collecting authentic scale models," says Dr. Albert Freeman, Beverly Hills, Cal. psychologist, "helps any executive, foreman, or shopworker to clear his mind of tension and work-a-day blahs.

Restores humor

"It helps to restore one's sense of humour and affords relaxation far better than any pill.

"This is equally true for a career woman or a mother or wife," points out Dr. Freeman. "The stress on a career woman is even more stringent than on a man.

"And there is a psychological need for the average non-career woman to prove to herself and to her family that she has more productive capabilities than merely keeping house."

Whatever the reasons for the unprecedented demand for things to make, the Hobby Association of America reports that never has such a wide variety of hobby and craft materials and kits been available; happily at prices to fit any budget, either for a stocking filler or that one impressive gift.

They range in design from those for the unskilled beginner, youngster or adult; to sophisticated kits for the experienced artisan.

More and more women evidently enjoy being praised for their craft work as well as for their thrift. There are relatively inexpensive kits, for example, to easily make chic and exotic jewelry and dress accessories either for herself or to give as a gift comparable in taste, in these days of inflation, to costly finished pieces.

Kits for all

There are kits to make stunning belts and handbags. Kits to make smart home decorations and wall hangings, ceramic pieces, decoupage, needlepoint, macrame, candles, painting and art kits for emulators of Grandma Moses or Pablo Picasso.

Instant ecology

For those with a green thumb there are ecology kits. The true earth-minded will take delight in kits that can easily convert those things usually thrown away — tin cans, plastic containers, egg cartons, and even eggshells into lovely one-of-a-kind gifts.

There are kits for practically every field of science that will intrigue students from elementary to college level. Kits of anatomy, zoology, ichthyology, and biology; electricity, electronic, chemistry and computer kits.

"Having a constructive hobby," says Dr. Marian Wagstaff, Chairperson, Secondary Education, School of Education, California State University at Los Angeles, "develops good concentration habits and learning skills in the students and raises achievement levels."

And for those who like to do something different for Christmas there are kits to easily make the most unusual and beautiful sparkling decorations that any Christmas tree will be proud to wear.

Angel tree-topper

FOR THE ANGEL, decorate a cone of white paper (or a cone-shaped drink cup) with silver ric-rac. Wings are two pipe cleaners covered with tissue paper folded over and glued to itself. Tape wings and a pair of pipe cleaner arms to back of cone. Angel's head is a painted rubber ball (sequin features and cotton hair added), hollowed to fit the cone, and glued in place with Elmer's.

Egg-citing ornaments

SAVE UP CLEVER, egg-shaped L'EGGS pantyhose and stocking packages to use for ornaments. Poke a small hole in half of the egg and thread with knotted string. If you wish to use the whole egg, glue halves together *before* starting to decorate. Make angels, Santas, decorated bells using felt scrap cut-outs, ric-rac, sequins for trim. The beautiful beaded ornament is simply an egg covered with rows of beads glued on with Elmer's.

Clothespin angels

CUT A PAPER muffin cup in half. Fold each half again, glue each pair for wings on the back of a wooden clothespin, fold-side up. With Elmer's, apply cotton hair, bead features, lace for trim. Wrap pipe cleaner arms around "neck," add paper cut-outs of instruments, songbooks. Perch on a branch for angelic choir.

Pet shop offering pat gifts

Everyone has people on their list who, more or less, are candidates for the same gifts year after year. Change the habit — there's a whole new world of gift ideas waiting for you at your local pet shop.

Naturally, the only requirement for this unique type of gifting is that the hard-to-gift person owns a pet or is a likely candidate for one.

Pet owners are pet lovers and a gift for their pet is greatly appreciated. Just be sure to make out the gift tag to both of them. That's one way to provide an interesting twist to "humdrum" Christmas gifting.

If you want to select a pet for that difficult-to-please person, be careful.

There are many things to consider, not the least of which is the intended recipient's desire for a pet. A gift certificate might be the best bet here.

But just because you've decided not to give a live parrot or hamster, the pet store still holds hundreds of ideas down every aisle, at every counter and the best reason is the budget-pleasing price tag on many of the suggestions.

Top gift

YOUR CROWNING GLORY . . . or a beautiful Elura Wig. Who cares? If it helps you tackle holiday hosting with a carefree manner, then why not? The beautiful Elura wig is totally manageable and looks like real hair, but acts better. The style is locked in, but you can reset the modacrylic wig fibers if you wish. Shown above are the new styles, available in flattering colors and in beautiful Monsanto modacrylic fibers. The Elura wig can cover a hair problem . . . and disguise it so beautifully that you don't care if you ever solve problem hair again. You can flip your wig as often as you like!

May the joys of this Christmas season rekindle cherished memories, and fill your heart with great happiness.

HAILEYS MOBILE SERV.
620 S. KINGSHIGHWAY SIKESTON
471- 9919

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May your holiday be filled with wonder and all your wishes come true. Many thanks for your loyal, continued support.

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HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING CO.
607 Davis Blvd. 471-5425
Sikeston, Mo
LENNOX HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

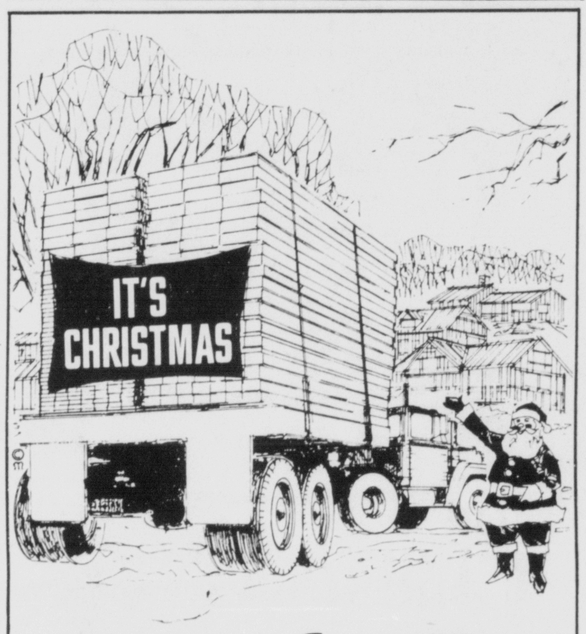
HOLY NIGHT

"O Night When Christ Was Born..."
During this joyous season let us take the time to pray for peace.

ELFRINK TRUCK LINES
ADVANCE MO. 314-722-3531

BEST WISHES AT
Christmas
We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

STINNETT & BURROWS
SERVICE & REPAIRS
613 S. Frisco 471-1722



CHEERY GREETINGS

We're building a bonanza of holiday wishes for all our friends in the community. Thank you and happy holidays.

A.B.E. HOME CENTER, INC.
WHOLESALE BUILDING SUPPLY
705 Davis Blvd. P.O. Box 37
Sikeston, Missouri 63801

May the spirit of the Christmas season linger on and brighten all your days.

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Little BIG DOLLAR Store
WHERE YOUR DOLLARS HAVE MORE CENTS

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you for letting us serve you this year.

May your future be bright & prosperous.

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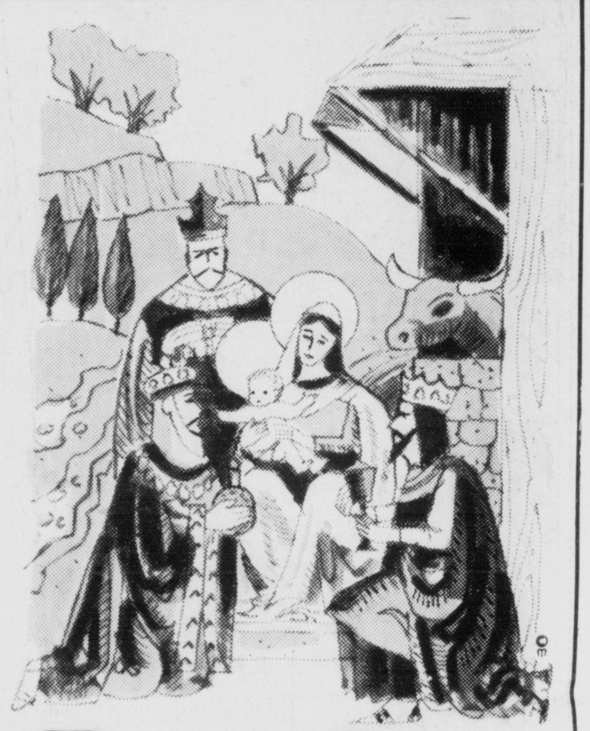

Peace... Joy

May the many blessings of Christmas dwell with us . . . always.

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471-5941 SIKESTON, MO.
"Your Caterpillar Dealer"

Elegant gifting for those 'extra special' people

The 'Christmas candle': a seasonal highlight with centuries-long history

The glow of candlelight casts an enchanting spell.

Ever since the Europeans of many centuries ago placed lighted candles at the window to welcome the Christ Child candles have enhanced the feeling of reverence and happiness at Christmastime throughout the world.

Because there was supposedly no candle to light the manger in the stable at Bethlehem the custom of placing tapers at windows began.

Anyone coming to the door was invited to enter, since many people believed Christ would appear, concealing his identity, to learn the extent of their kindness.

Christmas candle research designers disclose that candles, as we know them today, first came into general use in the eleventh century.

Beeswax or tallow were the primary substances used for candle-making until the eighteenth century.

THE THREE KING taper holders, Balthazar, Melchior and Gaspar, from Lenox Candles, can be used individually or grouped on a tabletop or fireplace mantle for a traditional Christmas accent. Lenox Candles are from the makers of Lenox China/Crystal.

In fact, until the fifteenth century, church candles were made only of beeswax because of an ancient belief that bees originated in Paradise.

The religious symbolism of the candle grew through the centuries after early Christians, huddled in damp, chilly catacombs of Rome, used lighted candles as a symbol of spiritual comfort.

In 1750 spermaceti, a substance from the head of the sperm whale, was found to be superior to tallow or beeswax. Later, in 1850, paraffin wax was developed and combined with stearic acid to make excellent candles.

The tedious task of making candles by a hand-dipped process was eliminated in 1834 when a modern candle-molding machine was developed by Joseph Morgan. It was the first to permit continuous wicking and ejection of molded candles by movable pistons.

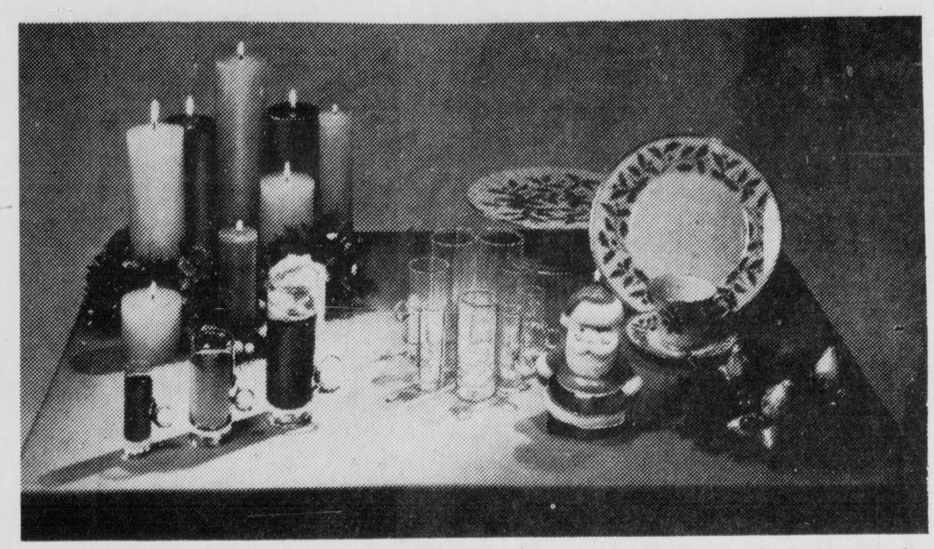
America's earliest contribution to the history of the candle, say researchers, is the delicately-scented bayberry taper.

The Pilgrims began making bayberry candles after learning to extract the greenish wax from wild bayberries. These aromatic tapers are said to bring good luck to those who burn them during the Yuletide season.

And what of the lights on the Christmas tree? Tapers were the principal source of light in the eighteenth century as well as the oldest symbols.

Especially significant for use at Christmas, the lighted candle according to religious teaching, represents Christ in all His glory — the Light of the World.

Consequently, candles were lighted with ceremony on Christmas Eve with all the members of the family participating. Again on Christmas Night and continuing through the Feast of Epiphany, the candles traditionally were burned.



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS from Lenox — Pleasing presents to give and, if you're lucky enough, receive. They include a selection of crystal bar glasses — liqueur, Irish coffee and hot toddy, Holiday fine china and candles. Decorative cakeplate, dinnerplate, cup and saucer are just a few of the pieces in the Lenox's Holiday collection. All in ivory-toned china with a holly motif. Column candles redolent with holiday fragrances and a roly-poly Santa, from Lenox Candles, make great stocking stuffers.

Personal gifts feel right at home waiting under the Christmas tree

There's no question about it, Christmas gifts are becoming more personal. In addition to selecting more meaningful gifts, chances are you will receive more than one "home-made" gift this year.

The do-it-yourself Christmas gift is perhaps the most personal gift one can give. Many gifters prefer to give it in addition to a store-bought present.

Special gifts with that home-made touch make great presents for the holiday hostesses upon whom you will be calling.

If you're hosting a party, and you also happen to be handy, the fruits of your labors make ideal party favors for your guests.

Among gifts that are sweeping the home-made scene this year are:

CANDLES. Easy to make, fun to decorate. One trip to the hobby shop is all you have to take.

If you're new to the joys of candle-making, check with your local hobby shop first; chances are they will be holding special candle-making classes during the holidays.

LEATHER. Starting right from scratch and tooling the hides is difficult and time-consuming for the novice. Best bet is to select pre-cut and tooled leather that requires simple assembly.

SEWING. This creative hobby offers the widest range for handy Santas. Believe it or not, everyone can sew. Local sewing centers are full of suggestions, ideas and materials.

COOKING. Become a gourmet Santa this year. The special cookies only you can bake or your special coffee cake make delicious gifting. Chances are you'll be cooking your favorite recipes during the holidays anyway, so just make extra.

KNITTING. Although time-consuming, carefully crafted wool gifts are sure to win the admiration and appreciation of all your close-knit friends.

Greetings

'Happy Holidays to you" — that's in tune with our wishes.

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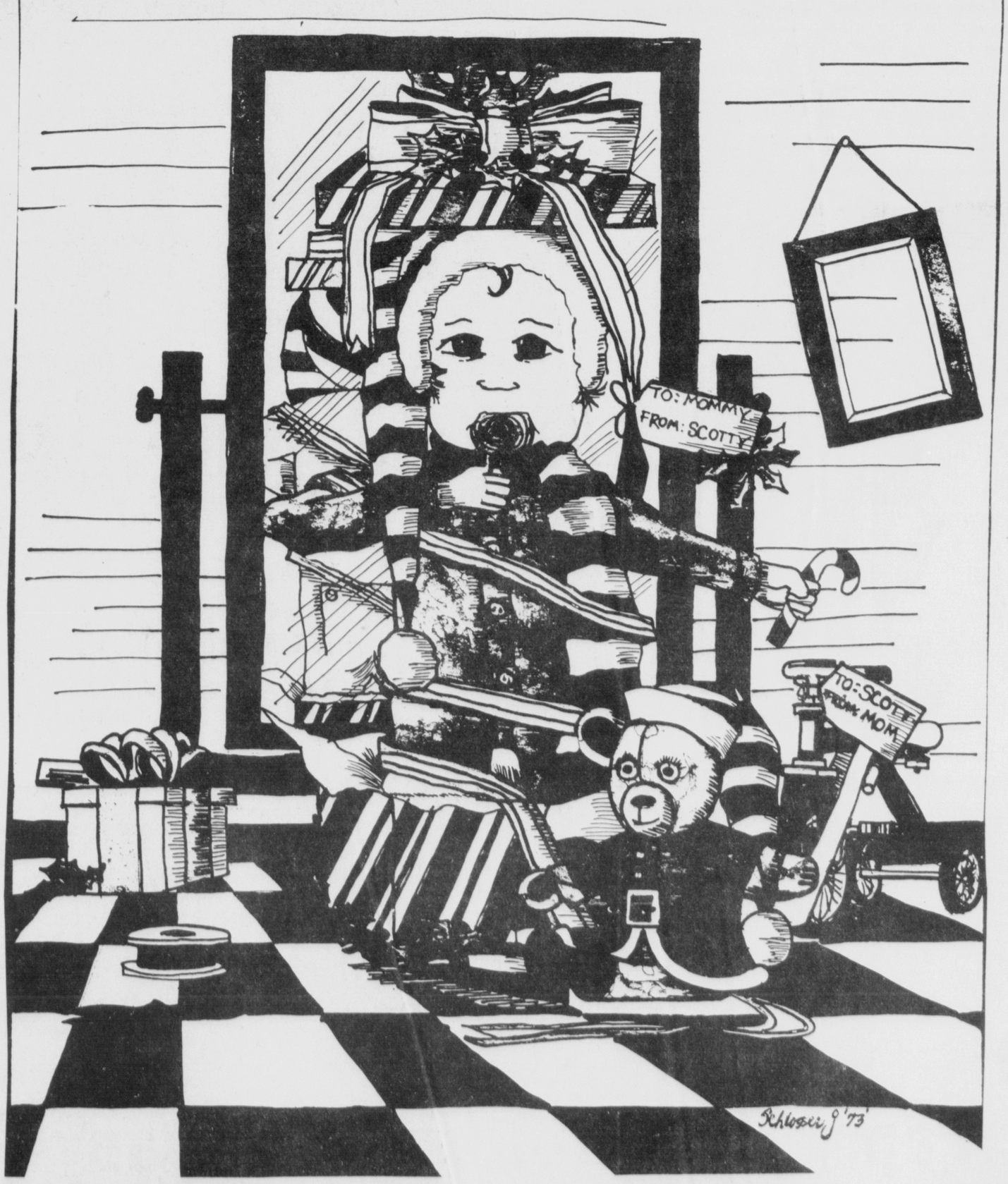
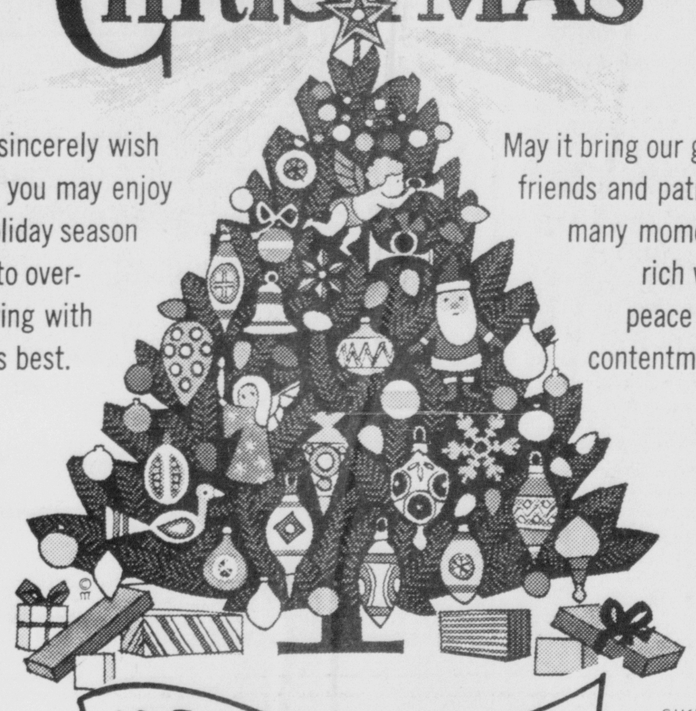


PJ's
AUTO & HOME SUPPLY
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We sincerely wish that you may enjoy a holiday season full to overflowing with life's best.

May it bring our good friends and patrons many moments rich with peace and contentment.



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GRECIAN STEAK HOUSE

SIKESTON, MO.

Gift ideas for the play set

Officials offer Yule toy tips

Many buyers of Christmas toys feel that "they don't make them the way they used to." And they may be right, because slowly but surely, safety engineering is becoming an integral part of toy designing.

Anyone who gives a child a toy for Christmas likes to feel that the gift won't have the youngster incapacitated for New Year's.

There are a few precautions recommended by the National Safety Council and the Toy Manufacturers Association in selecting a gift.

Age/ability

First, a toy should be in keeping with the child's age and ability. Youngsters under three years of age should not be given playthings with small removable parts.

Second, toys that shatter or break easily should be avoided. Sharp edges are another hazard that can cause cuts when one child tries to wrestle the toy away from another.

Pointed tools, chemistry sets, bows and arrows and the like are for older children (at least eight years old) who can understand their dangers.

Electrical plug-in toys should only be considered for the responsible child with adult supervision available. The toys should have U.L. (Underwriters Laboratory) seals that indicate electrical safety in design and manufacture.

Eliminate hazards

According to toy company officials, attempts are being made to eliminate all hidden hazards, but they warn that accidents can still happen through misuse and abuse of toys.

A determined campaign by the Food and Drug Administration is helping to remove many possibly dangerous toys from stores.

The Toy Safety Act of 1969 got the ball rolling, and just before Christmas of 1970, 39 toys were banned.

Rocked rattles

The initial targets were rattles that could break or had parts that could be swallowed, dolls or stuffed animals with sharp metal pieces inside them, noisemakers and balloons that could be accidentally inhaled, dart toys with sharp edges and guns with too high a noise level.

Manufacturers were notified and told to have retailers remove the offenders from their shelves.

The bans have continued, but the buyer must still be alert and not have a false sense of security. There is a bright side, however. Many of today's toys are more dependable.

Safety now

That old wooden rocking horse of years ago was apt to tip over. Doll heads once were easily broken and that was a tragedy for the child, the parents and the doll as well.

Of course, there is always the question of what the child wants for Christmas. Sometimes the most avid requests are for something inappropriate.

Psychologists suggest choosing a toy that the child may not have thought about, and thus distracting the youngster from his original request.

And just as the toy experts say be certain that safety is part of the Christmas present.

BIG BLASTER IS A NEW TOY by Marx that uses the principle of the marvelous old Irish Mail. Irish Mail you may remember was propelled when its handlebars were pushed and pulled in a rowing motion. Big Blaster has the added features of also being a push-a-long toy . . . a horn that honks and sturdy plastic and steel construction. For ages 4 to 8.

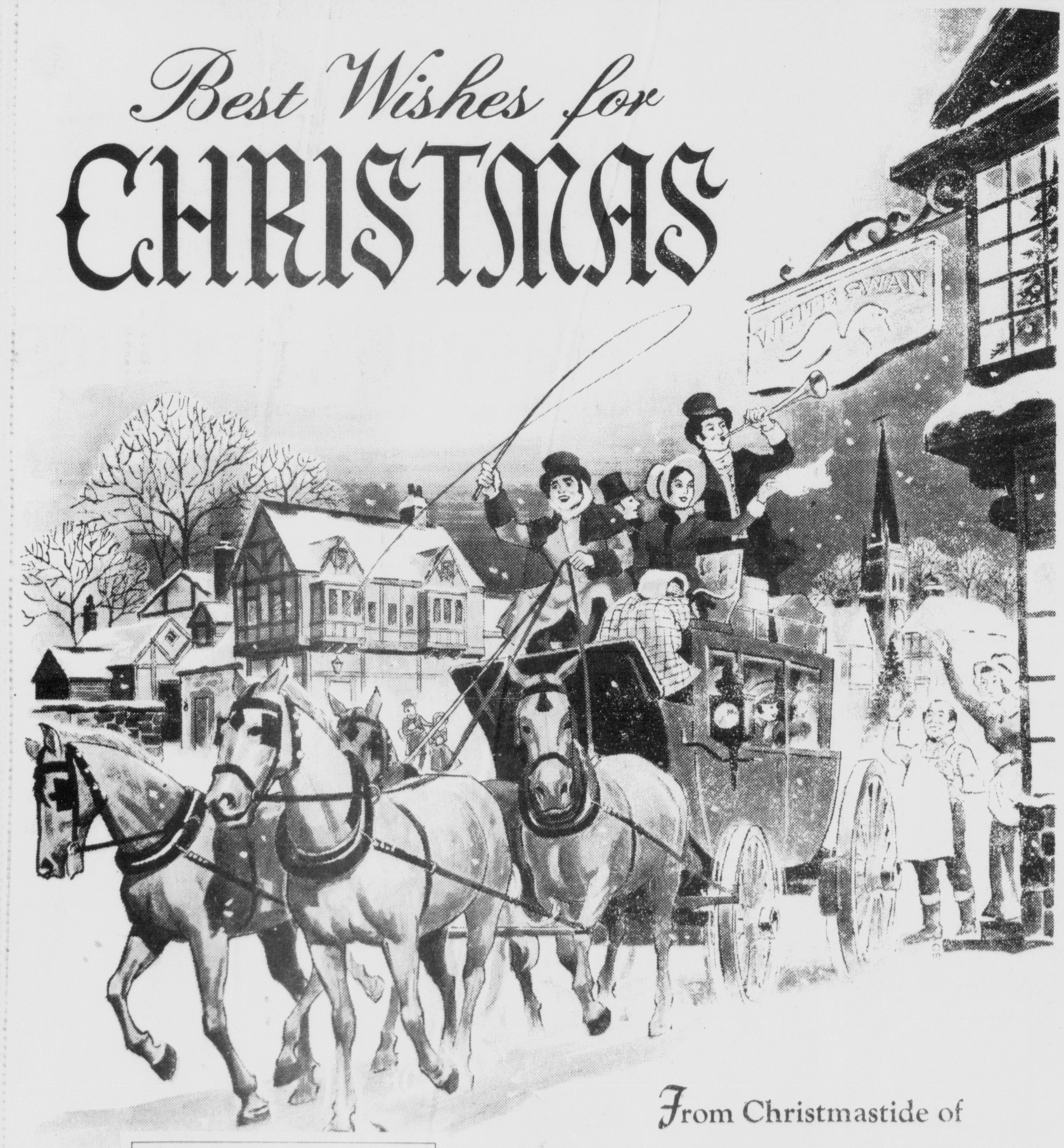
GAME PLAYING is on the boom as never before. With people enjoying more leisure time, the ever-challenging fun of games has reached new heights in popularity. Thus, high on the Yuletide gift-giving list this year are thought-provoking games for all tastes, interests and seasons. Compared to a decade ago, the range of games now available is boundless. Keeping up with the game explosion, the 3M Company offers a wide variety of challengers in every category of skill and knowledge related to contemporary living. Here, for example, are three games around the Christmas tree that appeal to a wide variety of interests. Clockwise: *Backgammon*, a game that has captured players' imaginations for centuries; *Challenge Football* that lets armchair quarterbacks call the plays like a pro since official football rules govern all offensive and defensive maneuvers; and the red-white-blue *Hectix*, a three-way, three-dimensional super puzzler. Three bits and nine pieces must be taken apart and put back together. Simple? If you can do it in an hour, you're in the upper genius class. Variety being the spice of life, these new games can provide the needed spice for holiday fun. Gift wrapping courtesy of Norcross, Inc.

PEACE ON EARTH

Our wish is that this season bestow on you all it's blessings.

PROFESSIONAL UNIFORMS
THE UNIFORM SHOPPE
524 S. NEW MADRID
471-3397 SIKESTON, MO.

Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS



PEPSI

From Christmastide of yesteryear come many of the happiest traditions of the season. It is in this good old-fashioned spirit that we greet you, and wish you all the best the holidays can bring. A very merry Christmas, everyone! We thank you, our customers, for your friendly patronage... serving you is our pleasure, and an enduring privilege.

Pepsi Cola Bottling Company

SIKESTON, MO.

Christmas Cheer!

Hope you've got lots of good things for our friends and patrons. And please deliver this wish—Happy Holiday for Everyone!

Dine 'n Dance

FOR THE BEST HOLIDAY SEASON ENTERTAINMENT OR PARTY PLAN IT WITH US.

THE PURPLE CRACKLE

EAST CPAE, ILLINOIS

Safer toys pleasing more and lasting longer, too

Not too long ago, the only requisite of the toys stacked under the tree on Christmas morning was that they entertain the youngsters receiving them.

That's still important, of course, but today's toys must also be safe — especially if they are to be sold in the United States.

An emphasis on safety began when Congress passed the Child Protection and Safety Act of 1969, empowering the Food and Drug Administration to ban from the marketplace any toy or component that may prove hazardous to children.

Toys banned

FDA exercised this power over a two-year period by banning more than 1,000 toys that exposed children to the dangers of lacerations, puncture wounds or ingestion of toy components.

Further safeguards were implemented recently with the enactment of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Since May 11 of this year, all FDA functions in the area of toy safety have been assumed by the presidentially-appointed Consumer Product Safety Commission. The new act provides criminal and civil actions and stiffer penalties for noncompliance with approved standards and regulations.

Become aware

Toy safety standards, for example, specify that all toys for children up to 18 months old must withstand 10 drops from a height of 4½ feet onto a vinyl-covered concrete surface.

Only the most rugged toys can measure up to such tests and toy manufacturers have become very aware of the need for selecting quality materials.

More toys are now manufactured from plastics than any other material and many of the nation's leading toy companies have selected Tenite cellulosics supplied by Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.

Cellulosics are considered among the most rugged thermoplastic materials and include acetate, butyrate and propionate. High impact strength, outstanding clarity and excellent colorability are properties that toy-makers find especially attractive in cellulosics.

Add realism

Many toys produced by the Tonka Corp. feature Tenite cellulosics. For example, to add realism to the transparent passenger dome of its new ERV (Environmental Research Vehicle), Tonka selected Tenite propionate.

ERV is expected to be one of the Tonka's best-selling toys this Christmas. Thanks to cellulosics, the clear dome of this toy is capable of taking plenty of rugged treatment at the hands of junior space explorers.

A FUTURE ASTRONAUT tries out the moon-roving capabilities of the ERV (Environmental Research Vehicle), a new Tonka toy whose reciprocating wheels move with "double-jointed" action. Clear passenger dome is made of Tenite propionate, a rugged cellulosic material supplied by Eastman Chemical Products, Inc.

Tips on buying Christmas tree

DON'T BUY IF:

- A bent needle breaks.
- Needles fall to the ground when the stump is tapped.
- The stump is not moist and sticky.

TREE IS HEALTHY IF:

- The needles are pliable.
- Needles are firmly attached to the branches.
- Branches are free of foreign matter such as vines, moss.
- Tree is free of barren branches.
- Butt is smoothly cut.

Christmas ecology: plant a green future under the tree

With a rising interest in growing vegetables for home consumption — in back yard or on apartment terraces — an entire new area of inexpensive gifting bears fruit this Christmas.

Vegetable and fruit seeds make perfect gifts for the young "naturalists" who are into organic foods. Many families are also growing their own vegetables as a form of family participation projects.

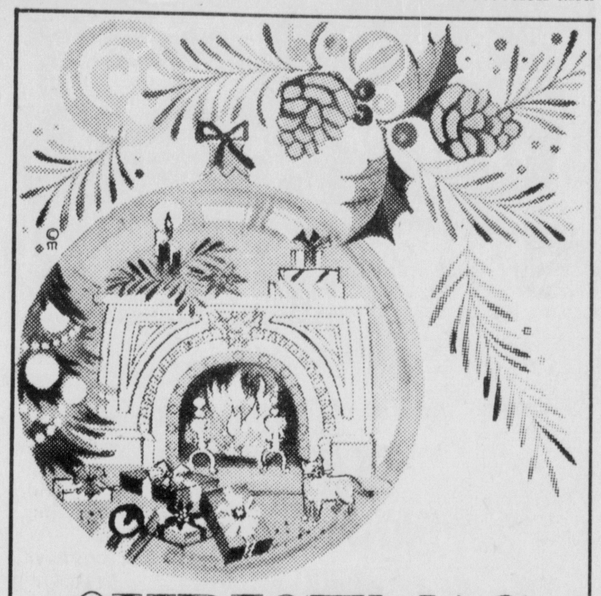
Considering the health and economic factors, seeds make a very practical gift.

Before selecting a wide selection of seeds or baby plants, you might want to consider the following:

- Geographic area.
- Climate.
- Area available for planting.
- Amount of care necessary.
- Personal preference of recipient.
- Once these points have been considered, all that remains is a trip to your local garden supply. Giving seeds is practically the only area of gifting in which cost is an unimportant factor. Most packages are priced under $1.00 and the majority are under 50¢.

Our wish is simple but sincere ...
May you enjoy a Merry Christmas.

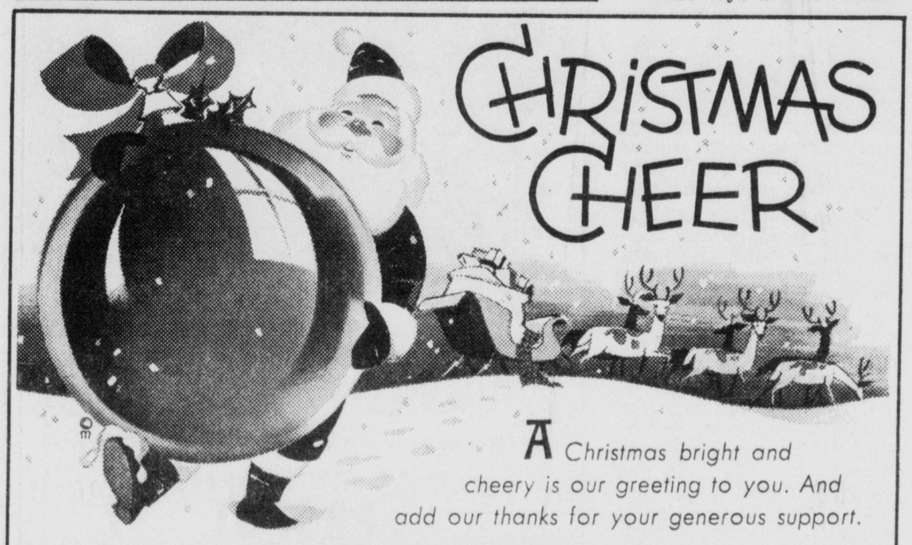
HALE'S JEWELRY
SIKESTON, MO.



CHRISTMAS

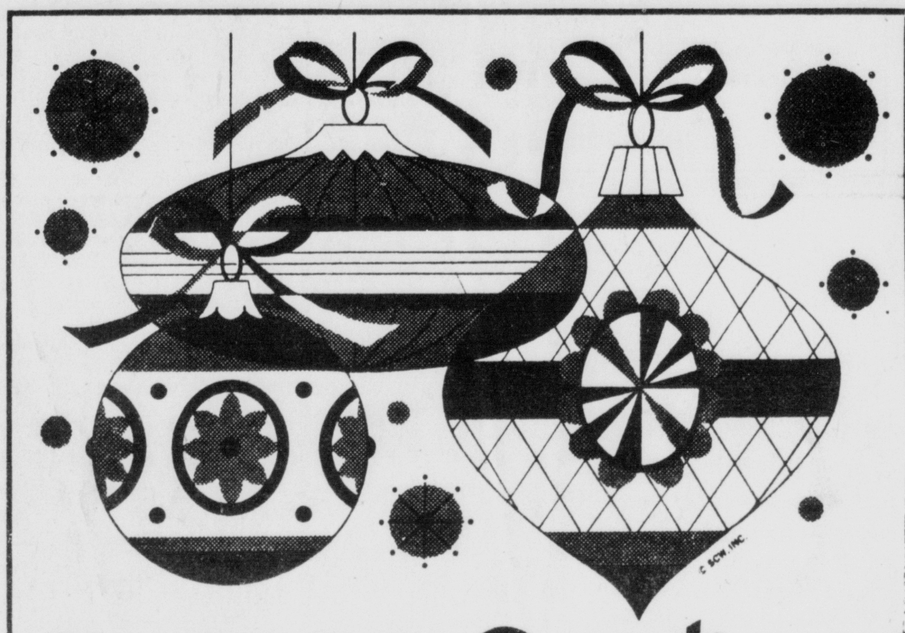
... may it bring you and yours lasting peace, joy and blessings.

MOORES FIRESTONE
2015 E. MALONE SIKESTON, MO.



A Christmas bright and cheery is our greeting to you. And add our thanks for your generous support.

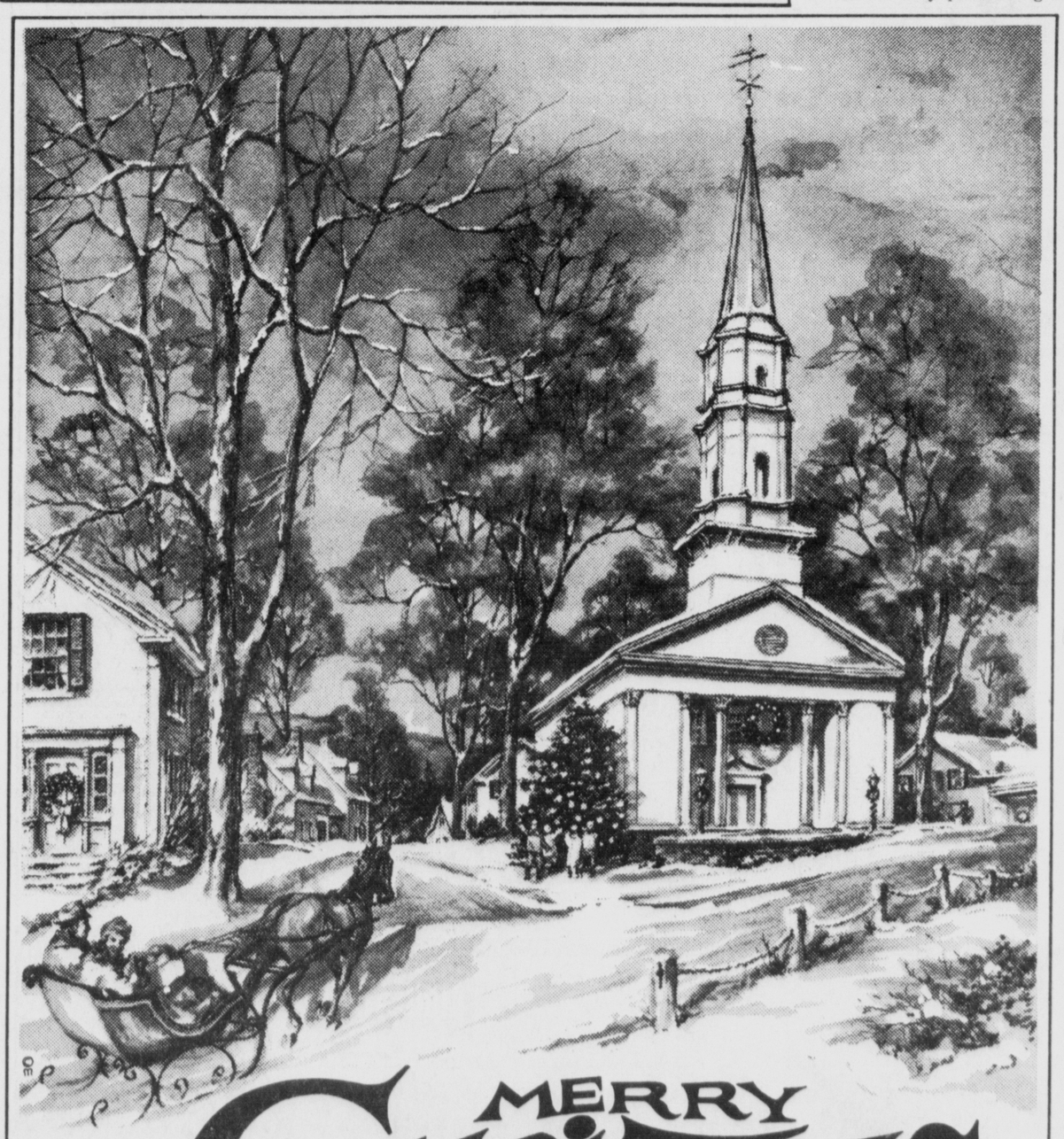
CAPROCO INC.
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE SIKESTON, MO.



Season's Greetings

We Hope This Joyous Time Will Bring To You
All The Goodness Of Yuletide.

DELTA LOAN & FINANCE CO.
301 E. MALONE SIKESTON



MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the spirit of the season we bestow on all our neighbors and friends this wish — a blessed Yule, filled with special moments to be enjoyed with the folks you love.

SECURITY FEDERAL
SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION
SIKESTON MISSOURI

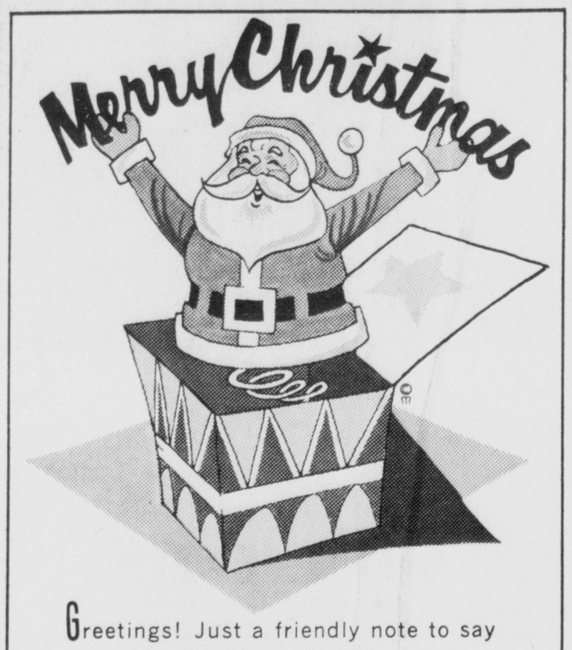
GREETINGS

The Directors, Management and Employees wish all our Members and Friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and most successful New Year.

Sikeston Production Credit Association

WE HAVE HAD A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST IN 1973!

Ready-to-assemble furniture reflects Christmas Present



Greetings! Just a friendly note to say
We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

MALCO Theatres, Inc.

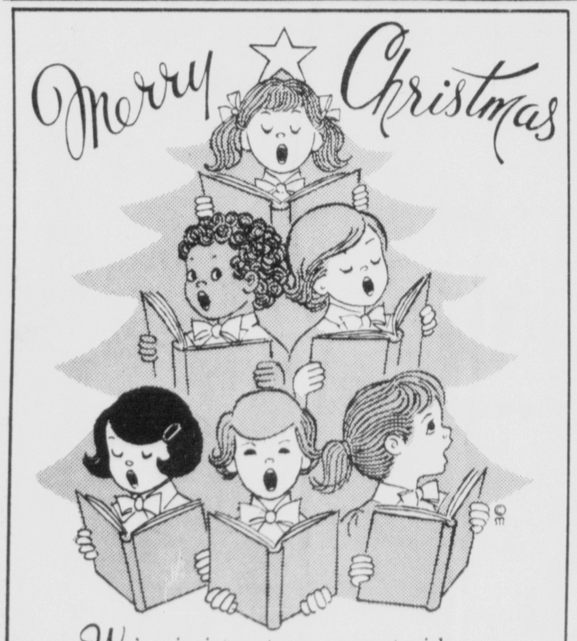
SIKESTON, MO.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the blessings of this joyous season surround you. May your holiday be merry and your happiness enduring.

BOSTON DAIRY CREAM

HIGHWAY 61 NORTH SIKESTON, MO.

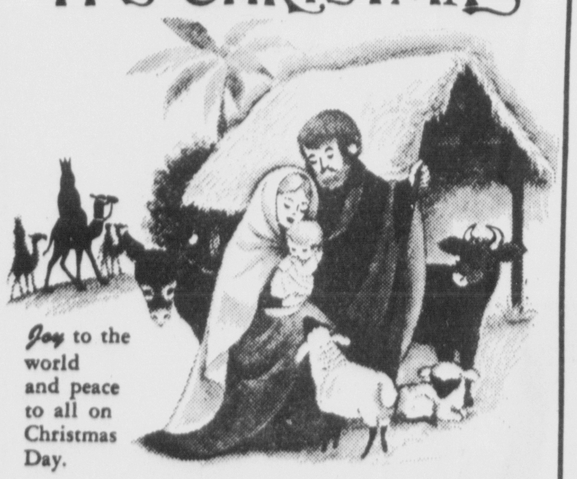


We're singing out our warmest wishes to you for a Holiday richly rewarding in good cheer and happiness.

SPEED QUEEN LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANERS

ACROSS FROM BARKETT'S BIG STAR.
MIDTOWNER VILLAGE SIKESTON, MO.

IT'S CHRISTMAS



Joy to the world and peace to all on Christmas Day.

FEDERAL

COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE

SIKESTON, MO.

Nothing is more revealing about changing American priorities than gifts people give at Christmas time, and it's no secret that the home is stealing the show.

Gourmet cookware, colorful linens, ashtrays and objets d'art are becoming more popular than ever . . . proving that home is where the heart is despite what headlines say.

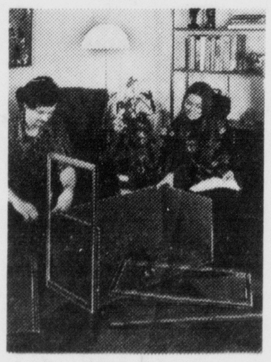
With so much Christmas fanfare returning to the home front this year, some wise shoppers are expanding their house gift lists to include furniture. Sounds a little extravagant maybe, but you'll be pleasantly surprised to learn that it's not.

In the past, furniture was frequently avoided. Delivery delays and high costs made the project entirely too complicated for Christmas giving.

Today, however, many people are learning about Ready-To-Assemble furniture, a whole new furniture category that's as easy to purchase and give as it is good looking.

With its increasing popularity, all types of styles and materials are fitting neatly under trees and just as neatly into budgets. Bought as easily as a tube of toothpaste, even last-minute Christmas shoppers can get in on the action.

Known in the trade as RTA, it's perfect for today's mobile way of life. It's equally suitable for singles and couples furnishing their first apartment, vacation homes, children's rooms and



YOUNG COUPLE put together just what they needed for Christmas . . . a sliding door record cabinet by JS/Permaneer. Once out of the Christmas wrappings, it only takes a screwdriver to do the job because the step-by-step diagrammed instructions are so easy to follow.

economical consumers of all ages who want to give their homes a little zing.

RTA's largest manufacturer, JS/Permaneer of Minneapolis, has everything from occasional tables, desks, chairs and record cabinets to wall systems complete with bar and desk units.

Good-looking butcher block and wood-grain vinyl veneer furniture in contemporary or Mediterranean styles is featured at budget prices with the added asset of being durable and easy to care for. RTA is the answer for people who can appreciate good value in a world of soaring prices.

Across the nation in furniture, hardware and discount variety stores, RTA furniture is shown already assembled so customers can see exactly what they're getting.

Of course, it cannot be distinguished from traditional furniture unless there's a sign, so when in doubt, most people ask the salesman.

The procedure is simple. The cartons are carried home, wrapped and given to someone special. Once opened, there's absolutely no mystery or difficulty involved.

In the case of JS/Permaneer, for instance, the furniture comes boxed with diagrammed instructions. All that is needed for assembly is a screwdriver and the ability to read.

Imagine the excitement and surprise of the lucky recipient upon finding a beautiful piece of furniture ready to be assembled from what began as an ordinary present.

It's one of the more ingenious gift-giving trends sweeping the country this Christmas, as well as a unique solution for some of the more "difficult-to-give-gifts-to" people gracing many Christmas lists.

It's a pretty good idea, when you stop to consider it, and a lot more practical than gold, frankincense or myrrh.

The psychology of 'season's greetings'

Your Christmas card may tell more about you than you realize. A card reflects the sender's taste, it may indicate a degree of religious belief, and the cost of the card may also be a clue to personality.

Psychologists say that an executive whose success is recent may feel that an expensive card is more appropriate to his new station while a person of established standing prefers not to be ostentatious and therefore selects a very simple card.

Since Americans send more than 2.5 billion Christmas cards every year — costing from five cents to five dollars apiece — there's a wide range of choice for the sender.

Glad Christmas Tidings

To all, we wish the spiritual rewards that are so much a part of Christmas.

HOPE AUTO ELECTRIC

864 W. MALONE
471-2333

Best wishes for a bright, and merry Christmas

Here, beneath the lamplight's glow,
we gather to joyously sing out, "Hello,"
To you and all those you hold dear,
a holid filled with lots of cheer!

Skinner Welding Shop

2010 Betty Sikeston, Mo.

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

We want to take this opportunity to thank our patrons for past business

BACIL ROBEY TRUCKING

Bloomfield Missouri

GREETINGS for CHRISTMAS

For the season's festivities — we're putting down a red carpet of good wishes. It's our way of saying "Thanks."

MODERN

RUGS- CARPETS- DRAPERIES

819 E. Malone Sikeston, Mo.

Whale of a gift idea revives folk art

Scrimshaw, the great but dying American folk art, has a new lease on life.

Thanks to the introduction of new scrimshaw kits, the old art of the whalers still can be simulated, and the spirit of America's golden age of whaling recaptured by today's home crafts enthusiasts.

Real scrimshaw is engraved or carved whale's teeth and jawbones, done by seamen aboard American whaling ships in the mid-1800's. The art sprang from the men's need for activity and expression during long periods of boredom between whale sightings.

Spontaneously, without any formal training in the arts, the men scratched out images of their ships at sea and scenes of their adventures with the great whales they hunted, on whatever whale ivory was on hand.

That scrimshaw, painstakingly wrought with sail-mending needles and jackknives, forms an historical record of which pieces sell today for anywhere from $100 to $12,000 to private collectors.

President John F. Kennedy was perhaps the most famous collector of scrimshaw. Such was his affection for historical and patriotic examples of the art that a bull whale's tooth, specially scrimshawed with the Seal of the President of the United States, reportedly was buried with him.

When Congress passed the Endangered Species Act in 1971, it sounded a death knell for the practice of scrimshaw.

With whaling ended and the importation of whale ivory forbidden by law, the contemporary scrimshaw artist's medium has been running out rapidly and the scrimshaw art has been headed for oblivion at an equal pace.

Now, however, the Whiting division of Milton Bradley Company has developed inexpensive craft kits with which almost anyone can fashion authentic-looking scrimshaw in just a few hours.

The kits simplify the whalemen's technique, and substitute plastic forms for real whale's teeth. The finished works make unique gifts and display pieces as desk or shelf ornaments, paper weights and book ends.

A predecessor of scrimshaw, the art of engraving cattle horns and using them to carry gunpowder, a practice popular during the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, also has been adapted into contemporary craft kits.

They provide simulated cattle horns and everything else required to create scrimshawed powder horns with engraved western scenes, suitable for hanging.

POSTMARK: SANTA

In Indiana, there is a town named Santa Claus. Its post office becomes a major industry at Christmas when it is besieged with packages from people wanting a Santa Claus postmark.

Pick-me-up

TABLE RADIOS on the Christmas gift scene range in size, shape and purpose. This one, from Zenith, is designed for use as a pick-me-up AM-FM portable or as a table model on its own battery recharger base. Tuning dial lights up when set is on, "blacks out" when off.

Time to wish everyone a very merry Christmas season!

MORLEY FARM SUPPLY

MORLEY, MO.

Glad Christmas Tidings

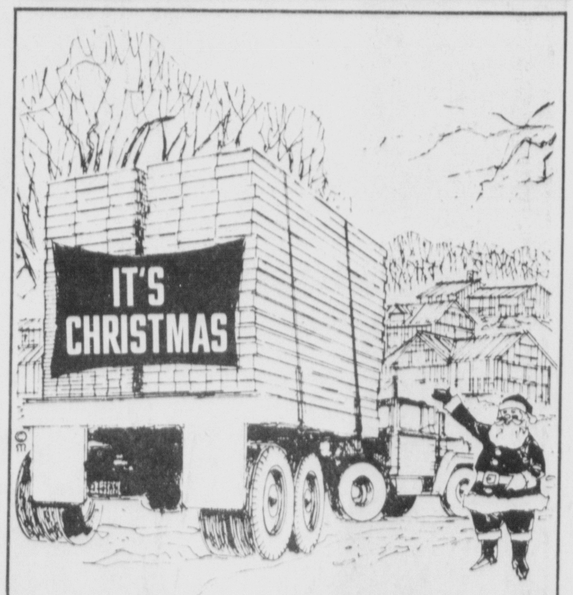
Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men.

HIGHWAY 62E **PROPST MOBILE HOMES** 471-9296

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say
We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

MOORE'S UPHOLSTERY

MINER, MO.



CHEERY GREETINGS

We're building a bonanza of holiday wishes for all our friends in the community. Thank you and happy holidays.

Home Owned & Operated

Home Materials Co.

1627 E. Malone 471-1430

Gifts of sight, sound top 'most wanted' Yule lists

Focus on color tv sets for this Christmas features wide range of choice in new models

It wasn't so long ago that the family would wake up early on a Christmas morning, dress hurriedly, and dash outdoors to enjoy a spin in the family gift — a beribboned Packard sitting in the driveway.

Christmas mornings have changed since then. High on the "most wanted" list of gifts for the family now is a color television set. Whether it is the first or second TV set in the home, it is meant to be shared by all. So its screen size should be either 17-, 19-, 23- or 25-inch diagonal—all practical for group viewing.

There are many important reasons to buy a color TV set this season: an advanced Chromacolor picture tube in five different screen sizes; increased picture power; a protective voltage regulating system built into certain solid state color TV sets; new modular vertical chassis, and refinements in ultrasonic remote control, are from Zenith.

There's new eye appeal

Style and design supply new eye appeal in many table models, consoles, and combinations. This new look may involve a cantilever base, A-frame design, and the tilting upward of the TV screen in table models. The choice in fine console cabinets has been broadened.

So, whether the TV viewing area is Mediterranean, Early American or Country French in style, there will be a color TV console to complement it. Contemporary, Ultramodern and Far-Eastern are also fine-furniture style "finds" among the color sets this year.

The small screen black-and-white TV receiver is a handsome gift for the individual — whether it is for Dad's desk, Junior's own room, or Mom in the kitchen. Sets, particularly the 12-inch diagonal ones, now come in colorful cabinets, on swivel-and-tilt bases, and sometimes are complete with an earphone. There is even the Sidekick, from Zenith, that is covered in blue denim and complete with studs and stitching.

The gift of sound

For the gift of sound, there are three-piece portables and modular stereos, plus handsome consoles. Some of the move-abouts have 8-track or cassette tape units in addition to a record changer or a radio. Some have four-channel speaker matrix capabilities.

There are new home-speaker systems, such as Zenith's Allegro, that meet the demands of young America in big design and acoustic performance.

Whether you need a stocking-stuffer or a full-size package for under the tree, you will find a radio for every listening need this Christmas.

For casual AM or AM-FM listening, give a shirtpocket transistor radio or one that's shaped like a billfold or wallet.

Among table-toppers, the clock-radio offers a bevy of services—a wake-up to music or a buzzer alarm, a constant reminder of time on a conventional clock face or by digits, and favorite radio programs with the twist of a dial.

For the outdoorsman, globe trotter, or armchair traveler, there are solid state portable radios with three-, six- or 11-band coverage.

Cassette players/recorders

The college or high school scholar, writer, professional or businessman will be pleased when he unwraps a portable cassette player/recorder on Christmas morning. Using handy drop-in tape cassettes, lectures, memos, "voice letters," case histories or any other sounds and music within range of the unit's microphone can be recorded, played, and stored as long as needed.

There is no limit to the usefulness of these cassette tape carry-abouts.

A COLOR TV SET IS SANTA'S CHRISTMAS GIFT-IDEA for the whole family. This year, there's a host of screen sizes, console, table model and portable cabinetry, and features, from which to choose. Many, like this modern-styled Zenith, are all-solid state in chassis design.

'Three-in-one' is gift for special people

Say it with music. Tell people they are special to you with a gift they will enjoy musically.

A three-piece stereo table radio by Zenith, for example, plays AM, FM, and Stereo FM broadcasts through two compact speaker enclosures. Each one has 10 feet of cord with it so they can be placed just about anywhere in the room for best stereo separation — or put all three units together on a shelf.

The main unit has a high gloss white molded cabinet just under five inches in height. The matching speakers are each under nine inches in height. All three are mounted on a walnut color base.

Called the Avalon, the radio features a dual-channel audio amplification system that is designed to deliver six watts maximum power output. The set provides Stereo FM depth and dimension, as well as low static and excellent fidelity FM and AM reception. A stereo indicator light helps locate stereo signals.

An illuminated slide-rule dial and a large thumb-wheel tuning control help in selecting the desired station easily. Rocker-type switches turn the set on, off, and turns AFC on and off. Loudness, balance, tone functions use slide controls for ease of operation. The mode function uses a lever type control.

The Avalon comes complete with auxiliary input and output jacks.

Greetings of the Holy Season

At Christmas, we wish for you and yours peace, joy, and love. With gratitude and thanks for your loyalty.

SIKESTON MOTOR CO.
SIKESTON, MO.

it's Christmas!

The world is bright and gaily decked . . . Christmas has come. Spend it in joy and in peace.

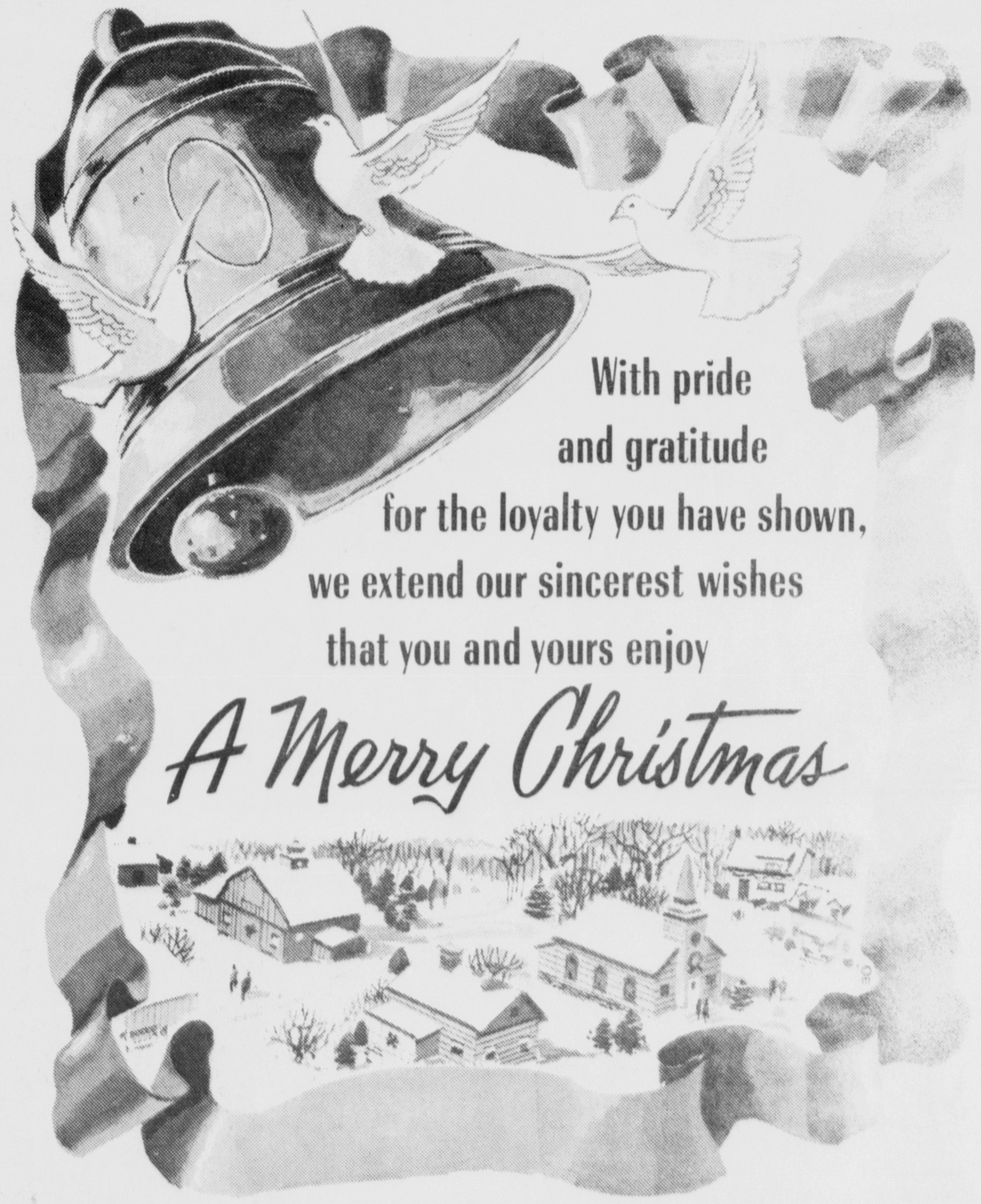
Compas Alignment Serv.
205 E. MALONE SIKESTON, MO.

Wishing you Joy of the Holiday Season

Season's Greetings

RAMADA INN

OUR RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE WILL CLOSE CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3 P.M. AND ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY IN ORDER FOR OUR EMPLOYEES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR FAMILYS



With pride and gratitude for the loyalty you have shown, we extend our sincerest wishes that you and yours enjoy

A Merry Christmas

Malone & Hyde INC.

SIKESTON DIVISION FOOD DISTRIBUTORS

1500 WEST MALONE AVENUE

Merry Christmas to All!

Be happy and full of good cheer now and throughout the holiday season.

B & K AUTO REPAIR

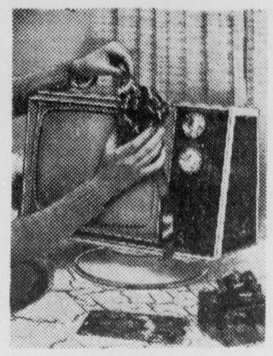
719 S. FRISCO - 471-3990

Santa's sack overflows with handbags and more for her

FOR HOLIDAY GLAMOUR DAY OR NIGHT, the fashionable reptile family. From the new collection of Morris Moskowitz "MM" handbags. Gown by Gino Paoli.

Yule accent

PERFECT ACCENT FOR new holiday clothes . . . and especially the return of the black dress for evening — is a new group of handbags and belts called Melange from the Morris Moskowitz collection for "MM." Gown by Gino Paoli.



FUN TO GIVE OR TO GET. This compact 12-inch diagonal black-and-white TV set swivels and tilts on its own special base so the picture screen directly faces you. There's also instant picture and sound, plus a "private listening" earphone with a 15-foot cord.

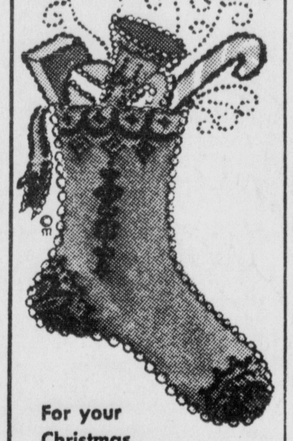
CHRISTMAS LESSON

How do you say Christmas in German? Try "Heilige Nacht," which roughly translates into "Holy Night."

FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN

German settlers in Pennsylvania were the first known users of Christmas trees in America as early as 1746. That makes 1973 the 227th anniversary year!

CHEERS



For your Christmas . . . an abundance of wondrous delights.

WESTERN AUTO

ASSOCIATE STORE

128 N. KINGSHIGHWAY

471-3100 SIKESTON, MO.

Greetings

May the joy of the season live in your home at Christmas bringing you true contentment. Thanks for your loyal patronage.

BOB RALPH DISTRIBUTING

SIKESTON, MO.

Presents of compact major appliances do family-size job of pleasing moms

Stuck on gift ideas for the Holiday season? Tired of giving ties and handkerchiefs?

Then why not try something new for a change, suggests Hotpoint. Consider a family gift of a compact appliance — something that will not only make a big splash under the tree, but which will provide useful service for many years to come.

Compact major appliances are a recent innovation. Small in size, but with the features of their full-size counterparts, compacts make it possible for persons who don't have the space or facilities for conventional appliances to nevertheless enjoy the convenience of modern, labor-saving kitchen and laundry products.

No matter where friends might live — apartment or mobile home, city or country—there is a compact appliance that probably fits their lifestyle as well as their available space.

For instance, Hotpoint's space-and-time-saving countertop microwave oven fills a lot of bills. It is perfect for harried housewives to heat up leftovers or prepare snacks for unexpected guests, and teenagers will also quickly discover it for after-school goodies or grabbing a warm bite before that sports event.

For your friends or relatives on the farm, where trash disposal and collection can sometimes be a problem, a trash compactor makes an appropriate gift.

Hotpoint's can be utilized as either a free-standing unit or a built-in, and is just 15 inches wide. It compacts a week's worth of trash for an average family of four into one neat, tidy lift-out bag.

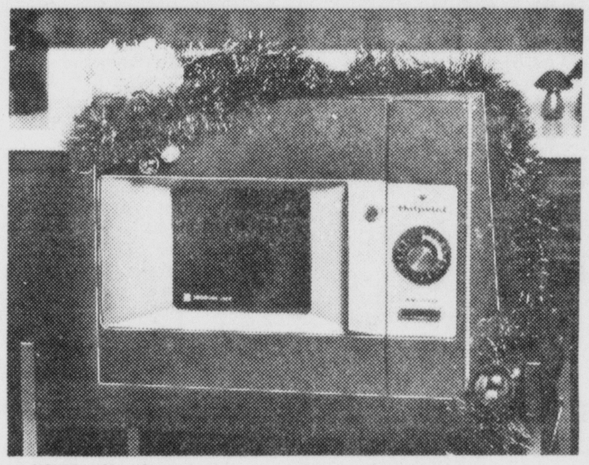
If you know a young couple just starting out and currently living in a mobile home or one built on a slab, a compact laundry center capable of doing full-sized chores is certain to be appreciated. Hotpoint offers a fully automatic washer and companion electric dryer which can be stacked vertically so they take up only four square feet of floor space.

The dryer operates on standard 115-volt current and requires no external venting, while the washer rolls to the sink for hookup like a portable dishwasher.

Want to help someone fight inflation? Hotpoint has a compact chest freezer for storage of in-season and supermarket specials. It's only countertop height, and makes sense even in a small apartment.

A dishwasher, of course, is always a sure-fire way to score points with the homemaker, and a new top-loading compact portable is bound to be a welcome addition to the kitchen of anyone who is presently doing the meal clean-up chores by hand.

Sensibly priced to fit most budgets — most of these mini models retail under $200 — compact appliances once again prove that the best presents come in small packages.



A REAL SPACE and time saver, Hotpoint's RE910 microwave oven heats up meals or snacks in just minutes.

Greetings! Just a friendly note to say We wish you the merriest Christmas Day!

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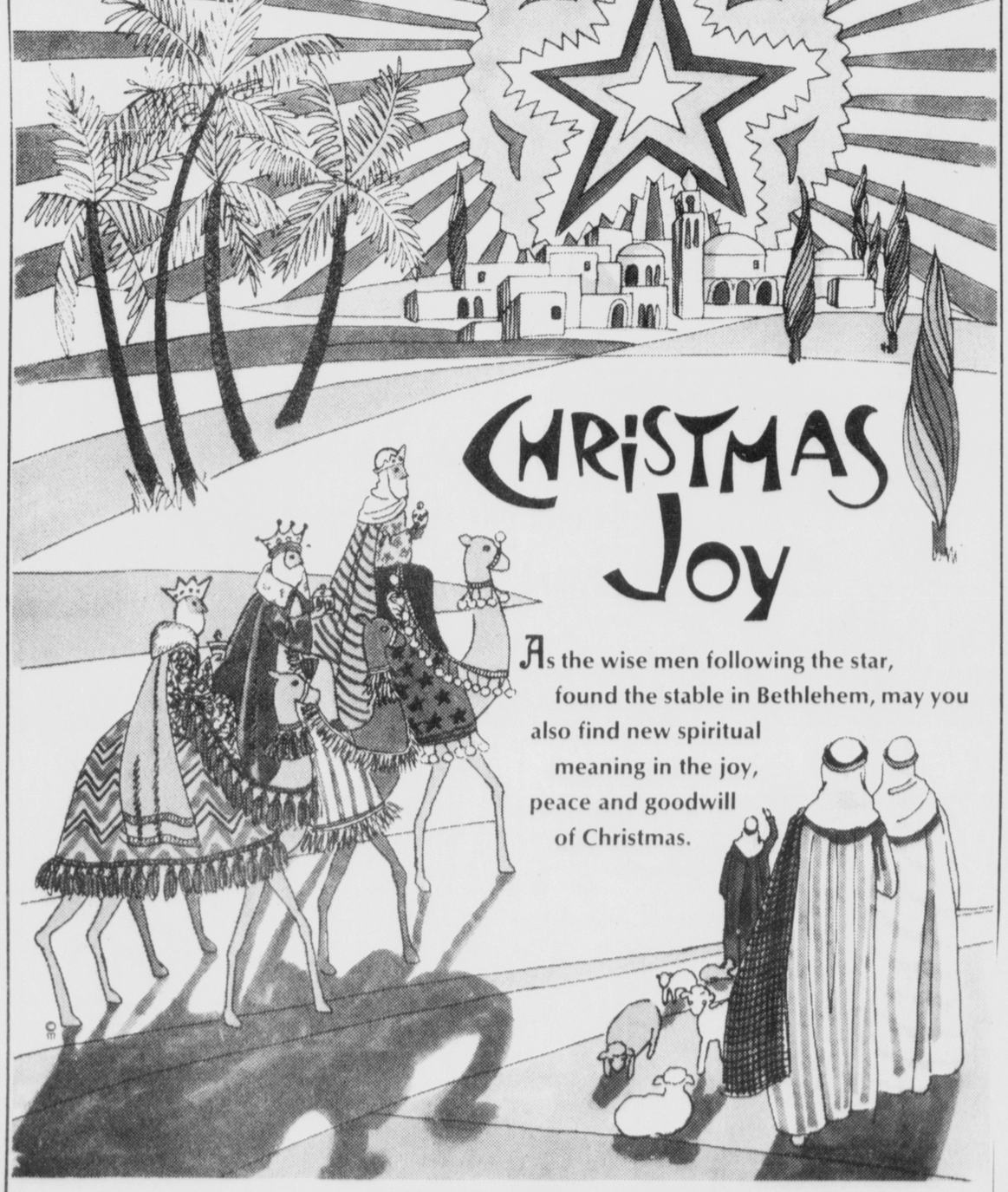

CHRISTMAS Joy

As the wise men following the star, found the stable in Bethlehem, may you also find new spiritual meaning in the joy, peace and goodwill of Christmas.

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SIKESTON, MISSOURI

A pet for Christmas?

A puppy is a Christmas gift that can bring joy, a headache, or heartache, depending on the family involved — and the dog. Today's lovable little ball of fur can turn into tomorrow's household delight if the buyer knows what he is doing.

There is the dog's disposition to be considered. All thoroughbreds have predictable characteristics. Some breeds are more likely than others to take an intense dislike to the mailman; others are almost sure to dig in the garden; some breeds are howlers; a few varieties are difficult if not impossible to housebreak.

In a cross-breed, the dog owner cannot be so certain of characteristics. Often the sire is of unknown origin.

As the number of different breeds in the ancestry increases, so does the inability to predict what the dog will be like in disposition, size, and adaptability.

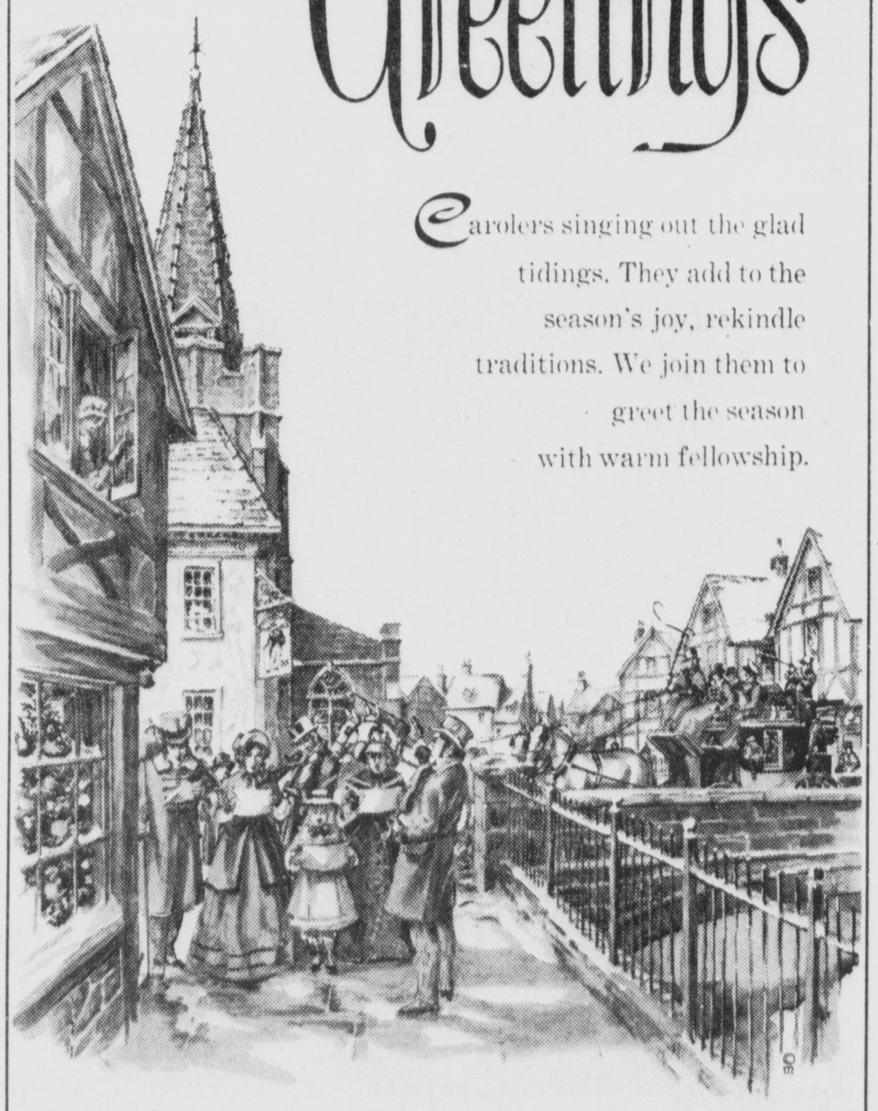
Most Christmas puppies will be bought for children, many of whom may not be old enough to know how to treat a dog.

One breeder refuses to sell to families with very young children because he says that the puppy has to take too much mauling. "If the dog snaps to defend himself, it's always the dog that gets the blame."

The welcome gift becomes a cause of heartbreak when a family finds that it has to give up a now-beloved pet that they cannot keep. The watchword is — give carefully when it comes to pets.

Greetings

Carolers singing out the glad tidings. They add to the season's joy, rekindle traditions. We join them to greet the season with warm fellowship.



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DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Antique styling adds a nostalgic note to home version of popular game

The wave of nostalgia which has brought back recording hits of the '50's and clothing fashions of the '20's has also hit the recreation industry.

Even Brunswick, the oldest manufacturer of billiard tables in the United States, has been caught up in the craze.

The company introduced one antique style table, the Heritage, a year ago. Demand proved so great that another antique table, the Monarch, was introduced this year.

These two tables harken back to tables manufactured by the company in the late 19th and early 20th century when no gentleman's mansion could be considered quite perfect unless it could boast a billiard table.

Today billiards—popularly called "Pool" — is played by more than 20 million Americans every year. Many play in commercial billiard establishments but an increasing number play billiards in their own homes with the pocket version, the overwhelming favorite.

The origin of the game played by so many people is shrouded in the mists of time.

Shakespeare would have us believe that Antony and Cleopatra played billiards in 400 B.C.

A letter written by a traveler in Greece in 400 B.C. described a game very much like billiards.

The Knights Templar, according to one account, brought the game to Europe upon their return from the first Crusade.

NOSTALGIA HAS HIT the billiard industry. Brunswick, the oldest billiard table manufacturer in the United States, sold one antique model table last year. To meet rising demand, the company introduced a second antique style table, the Monarch, this year. Photo courtesy of Brunswick.

The game disappeared after they were overthrown, but reappeared in France during the rule of Louis XI.

Billiards found favor in the French Court and later in Great Britain when the game crossed the English Channel.

Billiards at the time did not resemble the game we play today. Although there were several versions, one popular version was played on a table containing three pockets and a hole in the center. It did not have cushions and was played with two or three balls.

The game found its way to America in 1592 when the Spanish explorer De Soto founded St. Augustine, Florida.

Billiards became popular with the colonists. A number of the founding fathers, including Alexander Hamilton and George Washington, were enthusiasts of the game.

The game reached its current stage of development in the middle of the 19th century with the introduction of marble and slate table beds, rubber cushions and leather tips for cue sticks.

Stocking stuffer

A new set of batteries for the transistor set "to put new life in your listening" is worth considering as a stocking stuffer gift. Choose the best of the long-lasting batteries and be sure you get the right sizes for the right model.

Impress your executive with cassette recorder saying Merry Christmas

Think how impressed your favorite executive will be when he unwraps this handsome portable black and silver cassette recorder and finds you've pushed the "record" button to tape a few words with a special holiday message, just for him, on the tape cassette that comes with the machine.

A cassette tape recorder is so easy to use. The six push button controls are clearly marked. Putting in a new cassette is as simple as dropping a film cartridge into a pocket camera.

Try it out and you'll find the portable tape recorder is an exciting product to use.

Tape pals

When you send your executive Christmas message, it may start a correspondence on tape if he in turn records a thank-you message and sends you the cassette. Then you'll need your own cassette recorder!

This portable recorder/player has new 1974 features and true quality. The sensitive microphone on the General Electric model #M8460 is built into the machine. This means no-hands recording, even from across the room.

Review-preview

There's a review-preview feature that lets you quickly find a recorded area of the tape, by sound. The program index counter shows you, visually, exactly where the recorded message is on the tape, so you can find it again.

There's an attached plug-in cord, for desk-top use. An optional accessory is an auto/boat cigarette lighter adapter. The cord can be stored inside the machine; use six "C" size batteries and go portable in high style. There's even room inside to store three tape cassettes.

Tell him "Merry Christmas" with this GE tape recorder and let the message come across.

DUTCH GREAT GREAT UNCLES

The original Dutch settlers in New York (then, New Amsterdam) named their first church after Saint Nicholas.

GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

Rejoice! It is the season to celebrate His birth.

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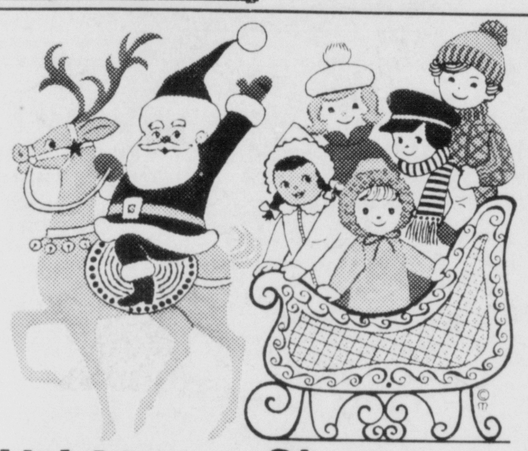
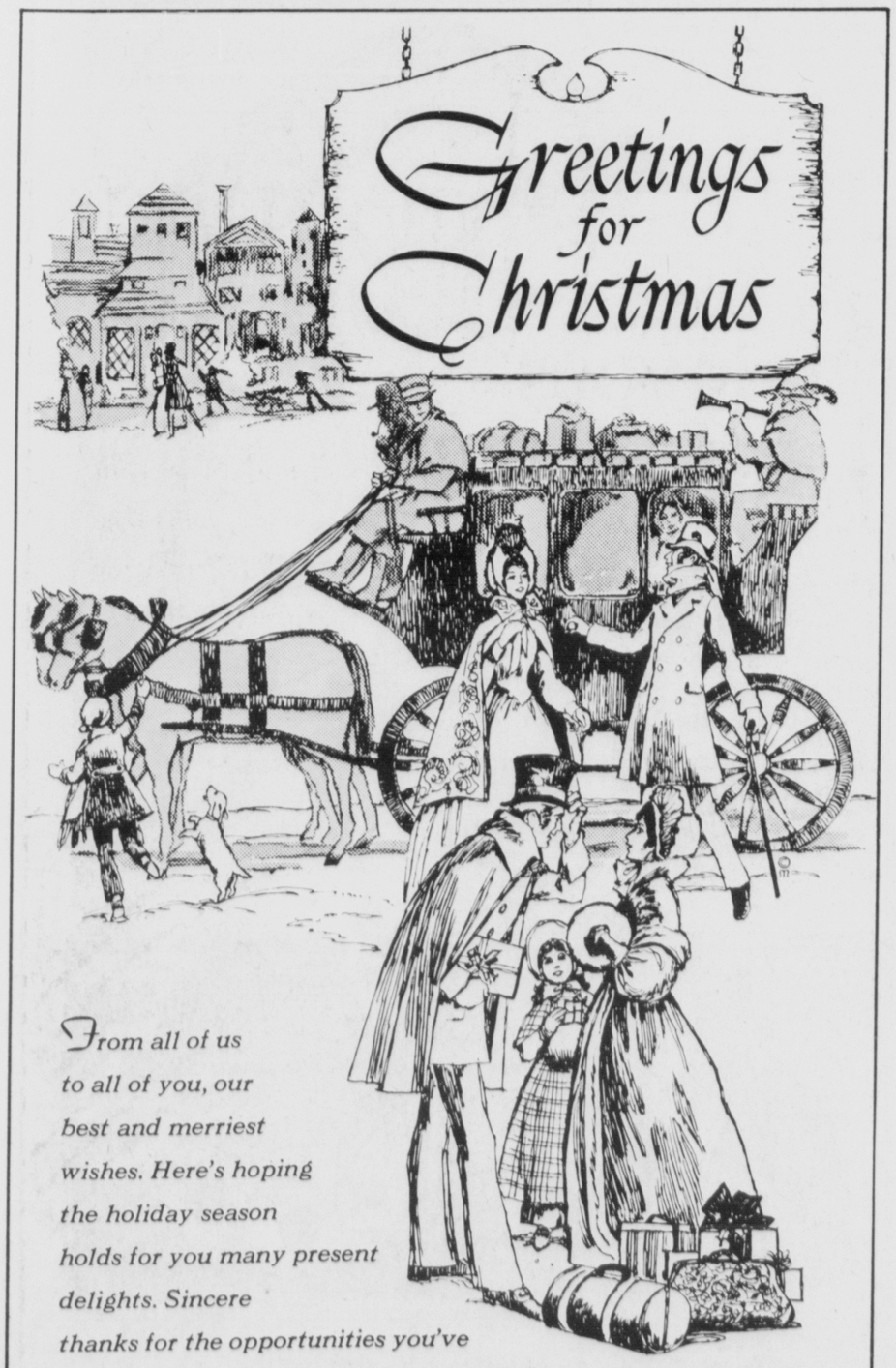


Hi! Merry Christmas

May you have a wonderful Christmas, bright with happiness and joy.

TOM MARSHALL
COUNTY COLLECTOR



From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds for you many present delights. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.

CARROLL'S FLORIST

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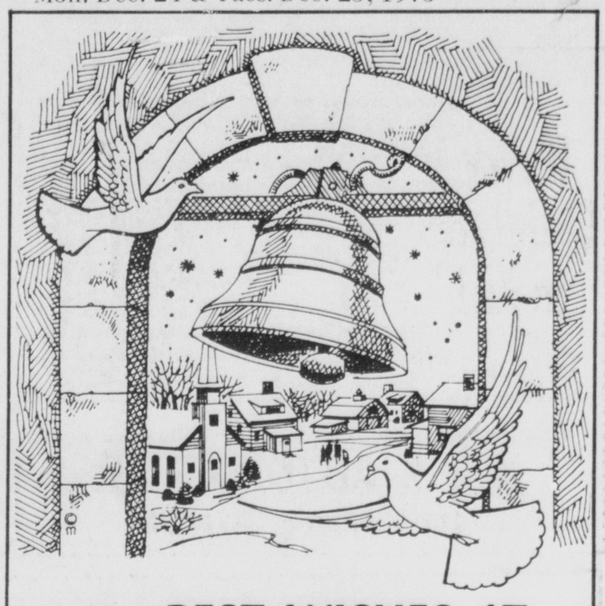

BEST WISHES AT Christmas

We're hoping the holiday brings you many joys shared with loved ones. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Kingsway PLAZA MALL

We join with Santa to send glad-hearted greetings, with the wish that Christmas bring to you many good things . . . good friends and good cheer, good health and good fellowship, good fortune now and in the days ahead. It's a happy time of year, and making it even brighter for us are our memories of the times we have had the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

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The King's Kitchen
Bootheel Record Shop
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A Christmas vacation

You've earned it . . . you deserve it and it makes a very fine Christmas present — family vacation. There's good logic behind a family vacation as a Christmas present.

It's something everyone can enjoy, there's no worry about exchanging it for the right size and it's very much in style.

On the more serious side, chances are the children are on vacation from school, the older ones might be home from college and the entire family is together — an opportune time to vacation.

If you don't want to be on the road for the holiday itself there is always the week between Christmas and New Years.

The vacation should be viewed as a gift thought from the family to the family and that means that everyone should play a role in the plannings as well as the financing.

Attractive hair becomes gift of crowning glory

Sprucing up the house for the holidays is a traditional early-December job, but as the Christmas deadline gets nearer you may find the appearance of the house improving as your own looks steadily decline.

The pre-holiday pitch of activity can be responsible for anyone looking frazzled. Wise homemakers know this — and determinedly keep a beauty-care time slot inserted into their busy days.

Your hair will, as usual, be the focal point of much attention during the holidays. From the moment the Christmas sprig of mistletoe dangles an inch above it to the minute the New Year's Eve balloons descend, your hair keynotes your whole holiday appearance.

Bouncy, shiny-clean hair is the perfect finishing touch to all your holiday fashions. Lank, limp, greasy hair is a handicap even the most festive clothes can't overcome.

Begin your holiday hair care plan several weeks before the Big Day. Since cleanliness is the basis of hair health and hair style, schedule frequent shampoos.

Two or three times a week is not too often to wash your hair. Shampooing is good for the hair and neglected hair often benefits *most* from simple cleanliness.

Use a gentle, thorough shampoo such as Prell Concentrate. Unlike some shampoos which coat the hair with additives, Prell rinses out completely, leaving hair glossy and clean.

If you're traveling during these holidays, the Prell tube is the most convenient way to carry shampoo, too.

Take a critical look at your haircut. If your hair seems shaggy or unkempt, now is the time to consider a cut or trim. If you think one of the new smoother hair styles would be becoming, talk to your beautician about this.

He can show you how the finished style would look and how to maintain the cut with the new wash-and-blow-dry techniques. The look is adaptable to all age groups and spares you the pincurl-and-roller hassle.

In short, give yourself a gift of beauty this Christmas — one your whole family can share — and make sure your crowning glory is just that.

A pretty woman with beautiful hair may be the most decorative ornament in any Christmas home.

Let's wrap up this Christmas early. Lay away a gift a day.

Portables popular as Christmas gifts

Your family and friends *can* take it with them this Christmas.

Advanced technology, including solid state devices, has made possible a world of "carry-about" entertainers—television sets, phonographs, radios, and cassette player/recorders.

The small screen 16- and 17-inch diagonal color TV sets can go from room to room. Larger screen "move-about" receivers can be placed on carts to take color TV viewing to more than one home location.

This year's black-and-white TV comes in a kaleidoscope of sizes and shapes. New designs make them fashionable in many surroundings. For example, Zenith is now offering 19-inch diagonal portables with A-line styling and a modern cantilevered base. Cabinets are grained or solid colors.

Small screen tv

If a young member of your family yearns for a TV of his own for Christmas, a small screen portable with a 12-inch diagonal screen is a suggestion. Here, too, colorful cabinets highlight this year's designs.

There is even a four-speaker stereo phonograph that is portable. Its speaker matrix sound system gives you four dimensional sound and plays attached or separated from the main cabinet. All in all, it's a compact solid state package.

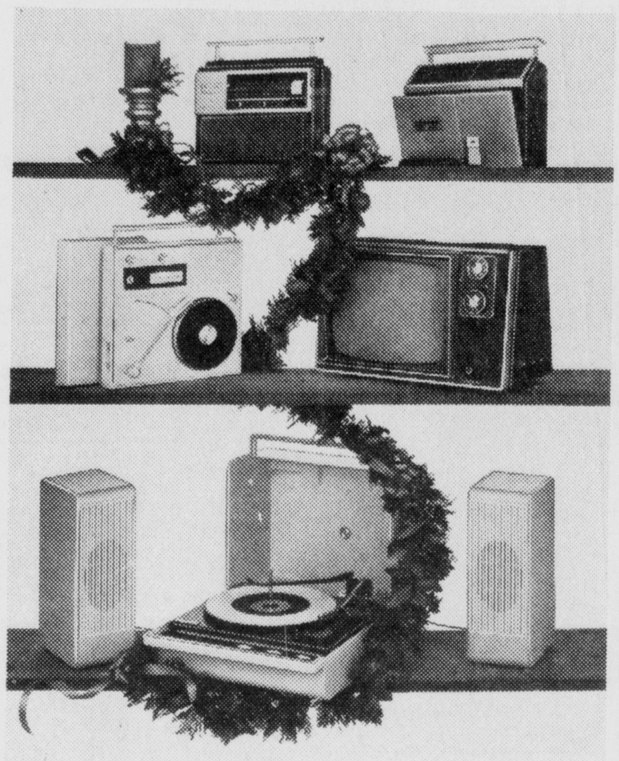
Trim-line cabinetry highlights other portable monophonic and stereophonic phonographs. There are battery-operated phonographs and radio-phonographs with recessed carry handles. These go anywhere and play anywhere — for the young "go group."

Hip pocket models

There are transistor portable radios on the market that can be carried in the shirt or hip pocket, hung from the wrist on a strap, or carried comfortably in the hand. Bright colors and crisp cabinet designs make these small radios eye-catching Christmas gifts.

Almost any man or woman on the go will be delighted with a portable cassette tape player/recorder. Battery-powered units come in compact packages useful in a schoolroom, college lecture hall, at home, in the office, or even on a mountaintop.

FIVE DIFFERENT GIFT IDEAS



CARRY-ABOUTS FOR CHRISTMAS. These five different Christmas gift-ideas all entertain electronically. Top shelf, left to right: a solid state AM-FM portable radio provides rich, full sound even outdoors. Monophonic portable solid state cassette player/recorder with special microphone that locks away in unit for total portability. Middle shelf: monophonic portable phonograph plays anywhere on batteries, on AC indoors; blue denim 12-inch diagonal black-and-white TV set. Below: AC powered solid state stereophonic portable phonograph with detachable speaker units, diamond LP stylus. From Zenith.

Small packages hold gift of big sound

Looking for ideas for stocking stuffers? A miniature AM-FM transistor portable radio is a "special" little package for the stocking that tells whomever you give it to that you care.

Many of these personal-sized radios have features found on larger radios.

Zenith's Royal E20 has precision vernier tuning, 10 transistors, automatic gain control on AM to smooth out variations in different signal strengths while tuning from station to station, and a telescoping antenna.

The Royal E20 weighs only 12 oz. with batteries and comes in a choice of two colors — white or orange. The sturdy polystyrene case has a textured finish that keeps its good looks for years.

Rechargeable model

Also available is a rechargeable AM-FM 10-transistor portable radio, the Royal E27Y, that only weighs two ounces over one pound, including the three "AA" nickel-cadmium batteries. A special recharger stand included with the set has a safety device to prevent overcharging. A unique feature of this model is the circular tuning dial that can only be read when the set is turned on.

Whether listening to music, news, sports, or talk programs, the miniature portable transistor radio is perfect for that little extra gift you are always looking for at the last minute.

SWEET SOUND in a small package. Ideal for "topping out" that Christmas gift stocking is the AM/FM portable transistor radio. This one, from Zenith, is complete with earphone attachment, carry strap and battery.

The small size of the radio makes it perfect as a shirt-pocket portable to take along in pocket or purse to picnics, baseball games, while bicycling, or simply taking a walk.

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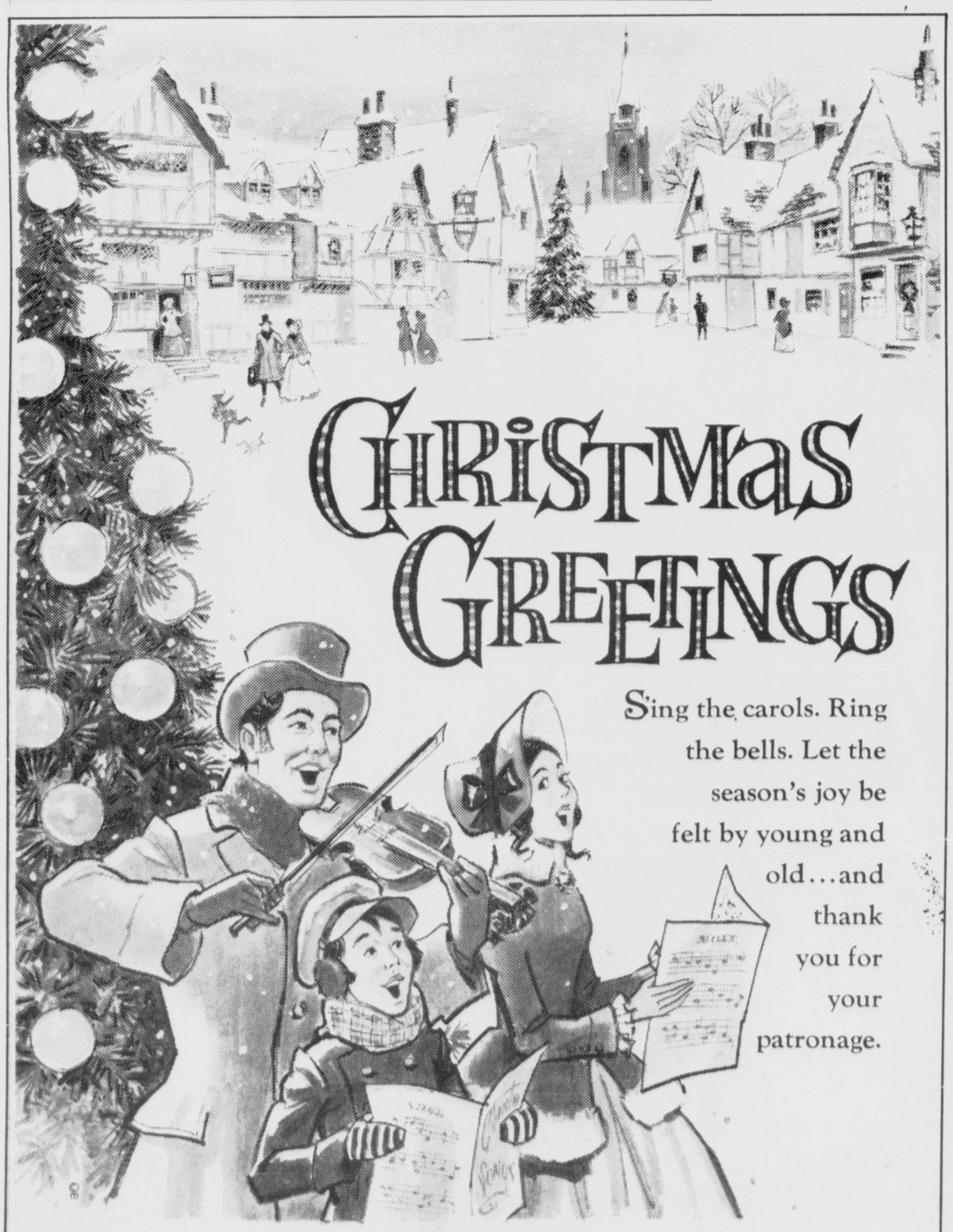

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8-track cartridge tape equipment popular for gifting music lover

The most popular item in audio entertainment this year is 8-track cartridge tape equipment.

Because of this, 8-track units are built-in on many modular and console stereo instruments.

Some 8-track units just play back pre-recorded cartridges. Others are both players and recorders, so that home recordings in stereo may be produced. The player/recorders can be connected directly to practically all modular and console stereo systems for recording via patch cords, or where the 8-track is built in the same cabinet, it may be used to record from the radio, phonograph or tape sections of these systems without any patch cords. In addition, these units usually come complete with two microphones to record "live."

The popular way

Zenith Radio has 8-track tape units built into 11 modular and console stereo instruments. A popular way to start enjoying 8-track tapes for someone who does not have an expensive collection of record discs is a three-piece modular stereo unit with built-in 8-track and AM-FM-Stereo FM radio.

These are less expensive than one that also has a phonograph included, and later the person who receives a gift such as this may purchase a record changer to plug into the system.

All of Zenith's modular stereo units and most of the console stereo instruments with 8-track units built-in use the new Zenith Allegro Speaker System. This new Zenith system uses speaker enclosures with tuned ports that vent out the front (in modulars) or rear (in consoles) to extend the low frequency bass response.

The Allegro Speaker System is so efficient in sound reproduction that a 60-watt Allegro system delivers sound performance equal to that of a 120-watt system equipped with air-suspension speakers of comparable size.

Exciting gift

A modular stereo set is one of the most exciting gifts one can get for Christmas, because of the flexibility it offers in terms of optional add-ons which can be purchased later. Stereo headphones can be used with all Zenith modulars for private listening. In addition they all can be converted to play back discrete four-channel tapes with the addition of a four-channel adapter, two extra speakers, and a 2/4 channel 8-track player available as an extra cost option.

Cassettes are another way to go in tape, and units designed to play back and record these are also built into modular stereo instruments. They are also offered as separate units that operate from batteries for full portability.

Christmas music just seems to sound better when it is played on a new Zenith modular or console stereo unit.

Reflecting on priceless presents

Sadly, the true meaning of Christmas has been lost somewhere between "Peace on Earth," "Good Will Toward Men," and "If the Johnsons spend $75.00 for our gift, we'll have to spend that much for theirs, although heaven knows where we'll find the money."

Jesus knew little of Phase 4 and price ceilings, and the wise men weren't known as such because they could spot a gift that looked like it cost $100, when it really cost them $6.95.

The true "gifts" are indeed priceless . . . "Love" marked down — must sell for $25.00. "Friendship" — I'll be your chum for $15.00 a day . . . now there's a bargain that the gift-grabbers will spot and line up for long before the seller opens his heart.

"Loneliness," no thanks we've had plenty of that all year . . . too depressing at Christmas time. Solve it with a tie, not your standard 4½" silk rep, but the other kind: a bond between people.

And so, when you hear them say Christmas is for giving and for getting, make your neighbor understand its real meaning: "forgiving" and "forgetting," and that's one gift not found in your local chic boutique. When was the last pre-Christmas sale held in a manger?

REAL THING

Although artificial trees are gaining in popularity, they still trail the real thing considerably.

Inward Christmas glow outshine exterior glitter

by Grace M. Stanistreet

As the holidays approach, think back on the shine and glow of the many Christmases past — each one different and special in its own way. But how much glow is there in Christmas for our children today and just what is it that makes it glow?

There is a lot of glitter, but glitter is dependent on a switch. Turn on the switch — it goes, but shine is lasting like the radiance of a star.

Don't misunderstand, it is not being suggested here that we go back to the "good old days." But our children should know the joy and shine of Christmas for their memory banks.

It's not that our children should change. They're great. Of course they're different from the children of generations past. They know more. They can explain the rain and what's electricity, and where babies come from. But their needs are the same as the children of all times. They need assurance of love, they need to be praised, they need the chance to do — to make. They need to have "secrets" and Christmas is wonderful "secret" time!

What can we do to make the holiday a way of answering these needs? Certainly not by turning back the clock, nor substituting the radio for the T.V. or unfreezing the freezer, not to take away, but to endow what we have with the extra special quality that we've somehow lost.

We've swamped children with Christmas instead of helping them find it for themselves.

Would it be possible for the family together to make some rules (children love rules — especially making them) for the celebration of the holiday? And then to print and decorate them to hang on a wall?

Could the children make scads of cookies and candies to be shared with friends, neighbors, lonely people anywhere?

Would it be possible to add to the tree some handmade decorations signed and dated by each member of the family worthy enough to be kept carefully from year to year? ("Little Ed made this when he was 6 and this, when he was 8").

Would it be possible that along with store-bought gifts would come a declaration of love or admiration. Perhaps it could be a rhyme — carefully written and read aloud, and the gift itself wrapped in a way to suggest the gift inside?

And instead of ripping packages open, it would be ritual to take turns, so each gift could be seen, heard and enjoyed by all. And after the gifts, a Christmas story, followed by caroling. And all the time the T.V. would be dark and candles burning.

Somehow we've taken Christmas away from children. Perhaps it would be a good idea to make it a wonderful secret again and let them find it out for themselves.

(Dr. Stanistreet is Educational Consultant for the Children's Centre for Creative Arts, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York.)

Digital clocks boast solid state chassis

Zenith's digital clock radios have an all solid state chassis and a sleep switch for turning the radio off up to one hour after it is set. This timer feature allows the person who gets to sleep slowly to listen to soft music for some time before being "lulled" asleep. All the company's AM-FM models have automatic frequency control on FM for "drift-free" tuning.

CHRISTMAS POPULATIONS

There are five communities in the United States. There is a "Christmas" in Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.

WHAT'S SO NEW THAT YOU COULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT ONE LAST CHRISTMAS?

The sounds of Christmas this year include a lot of excitement over brand-new products. Among them television sound in an FM/AM portable radio and four-channel music system that not only plays tapes and records but has an FM/AM radio that can receive four-channel radio broadcasts.

Then, too, there is a cassette tape recorder player that's executive-looking but push-button easy to use and has its microphone built right in.

Product excitement includes color. Stereo modules in gleaming blue or white or green. Phono-viewers in cheerful red and white.

A portable radio with an orange band indicator, and blue lighted digital time readout in an electronic clock radio.

O, HOLY NIGHT

Across the ages shines the wonder of a Holy Night. May the true meaning of Christmas make your holiday bright.

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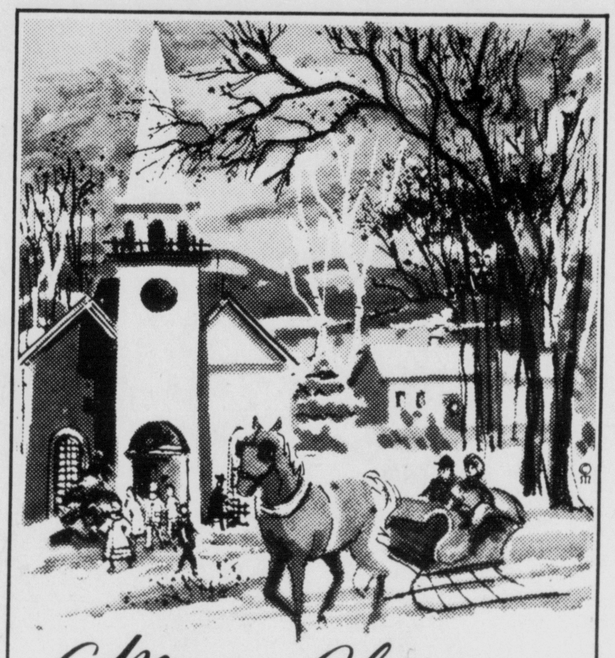
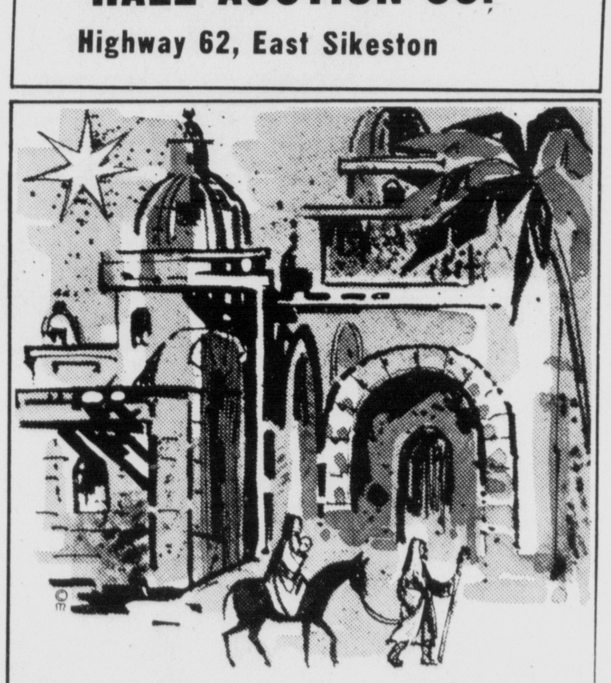


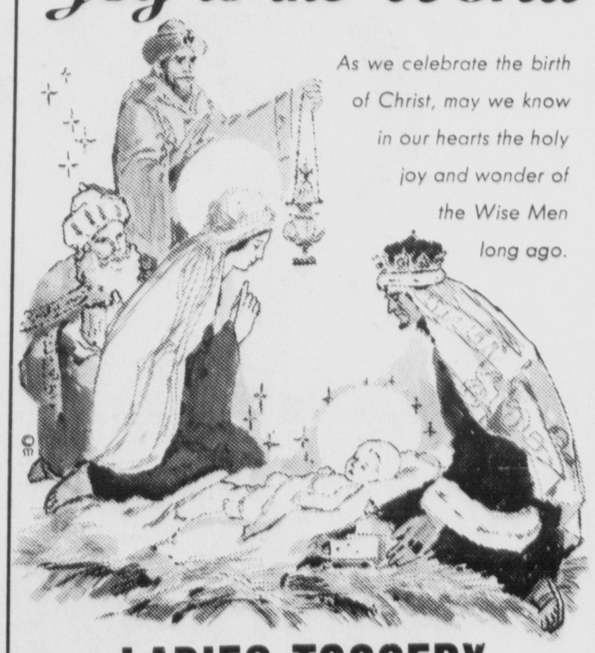
Merry Christmas

To the Christmas season, we say, "Welcome!" To our good friends and patrons, we say, "Thanks and the best of everything always!"
HALE AUCTION CO.
Highway 62, East Sikeston



Glad Christmas Tidings
Let us glory in God's promise of Joy and Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men.
RUSSELL'S BULL DOG
SIKESTON, MO.

Joy to the World



As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may we know in our hearts the holy joy and wonder of the Wise Men long ago.
LADIES TOGGERY
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Christ is Born...

Let us rejoice and join together with Christmas spirit to celebrate His birth.
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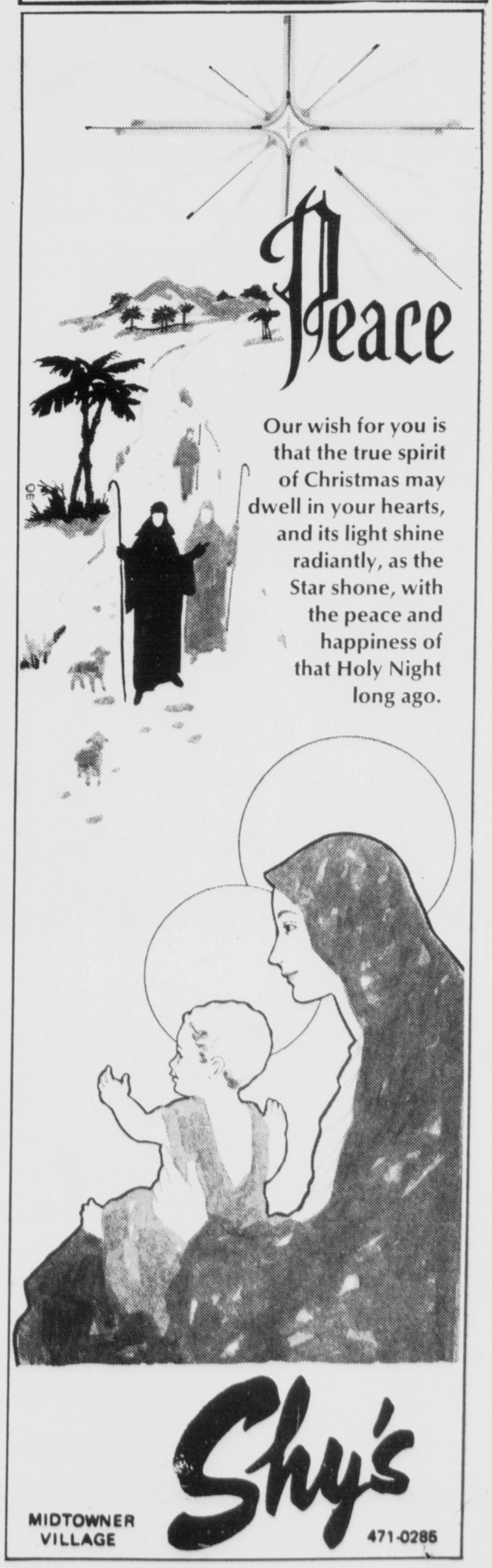

Our wish for you is that the true spirit of Christmas may dwell in your hearts, and its light shine radiantly, as the Star shone, with the peace and happiness of that Holy Night long ago.

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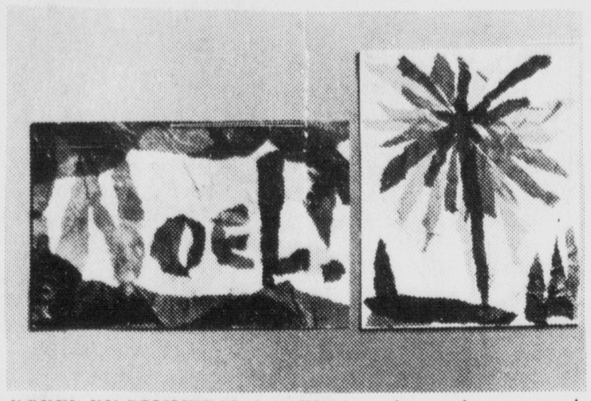
Rediscover Christmas with shared traditions, direct family efforts toward conservation



BORED BY COMMERCIAL CARDS? . . . then make your own! Let children make their own colorful, collage Christmas cards by using roughly-torn shapes torn or cut from translucent, colored tissue paper. Let them experiment with interesting color-over-color effects, gluing paper down with a thin coat of Elmer's Glue-All or Elmer's Washable School Glue. Glaze made by brushing Elmer's over the finished picture creates the shining, translucent effect. Hint: when gluing paper, try to spread Elmer's evenly, not too thickly.

By
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"'Twas the night before Christmas" . . . and, once upon a time, 'twas a time for family togetherness, for close friends to visit, for hot cider and tradition-filled tree-trimming parties, when children made their own decorations, and cries of "Pass the Elmer's!" were heard through the house.

Of late, however, too often the "night before Christmas" is merely the night when last-minute shoppers are caught in the blind stampede for the last size 12 robe on the rack, the first of the ½ price sales on semi-melted chocolate decorations, the last lonely tree in the lot.

The soft glow of candlelight has been replaced by the glare of electric bulbs, the serenity of the Christmas carol drowned under the noise of "Santa-rock" swelling through every department store.

With today's trend toward nostalgia, however (in music, fashion, theater, movies), comes an awareness of what has been rapidly fading from our celebration of this tender holiday.

In the mad rush to outdo the Jones' presents, the Smiths' Christmas lights and the Browns' outdoor speaker system blaring "Merry Christmas, ho, ho, ho," we have almost lost the *meaning* of Christmas.

Christmas is for sharing: of affection, of caring, of love and brotherhood. Christmas is for filling the house with tenderness togetherness, cooperation and creation . . . for a sharing of energies and efforts.

Why not try to make this Christmas different from those past, by getting everyone in the family involved. Create your own Christmas present to the rest of the world, by conserving, re-using, recycling, rather than wasting as has been the style of late.

The Borden Company has, in this light, published two family craft booklets, for Christmas and year-round, with suggestions for making things out of what you have, rather than buying something new.

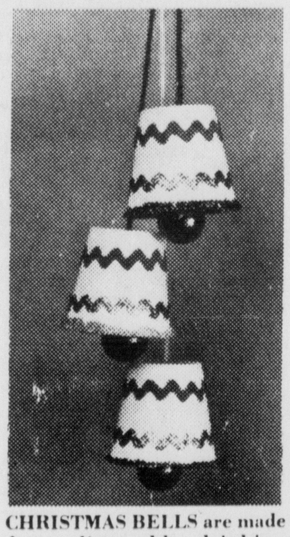
Christmas suggestions include tree-trim ideas, home decorations, cards and gift ideas. All can be made easily with everyday household items and Elmer's Glue-All, for a real, old-fashioned, home-grown celebration.

Both "Elmer's Fun Craft Idea Book" and "Christmas Creativity" are available at 25 cents each, by writing to: Elmer's, Box 266, Dept. P, Medina, Ohio 44256.

Thoughtful gift

Rapidly becoming a must in all well-equipped homes for quick access to information on why suddenly the house may have been plunged into darkness, is a modern battery transistor radio.

Outside power may fail. But the battery operated transistor radios will operate; which suggests a thoughtful gift, especially for the older folks.



CHRISTMAS BELLS are made from disposable drinking cups. Decorate with ric-rac trim and glue glitter to rims with Elmer's. For clappers use two small ornaments or jingle bells on lengths of knotted yarn strung through holes in top of ball. Tie the yarns together in a bow and hang in a doorway for a melodious season's greetings to visitors.

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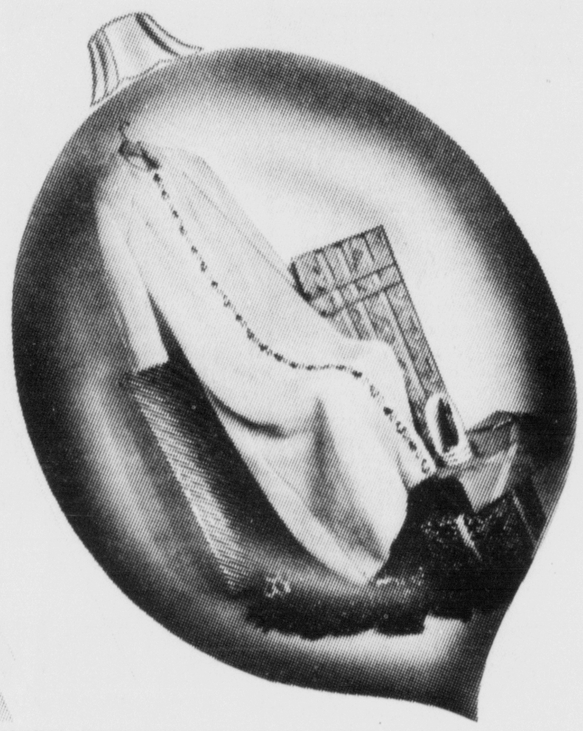

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We join with Santa to send glad-hearted greetings, with the wish that Christmas bring to you many good things . . . good friends and good cheer, good health and good fellowship, good fortune now and in the days ahead. It's a happy time of year, and making it even brighter for us are our memories of the times we have had the pleasure and privilege of serving you.

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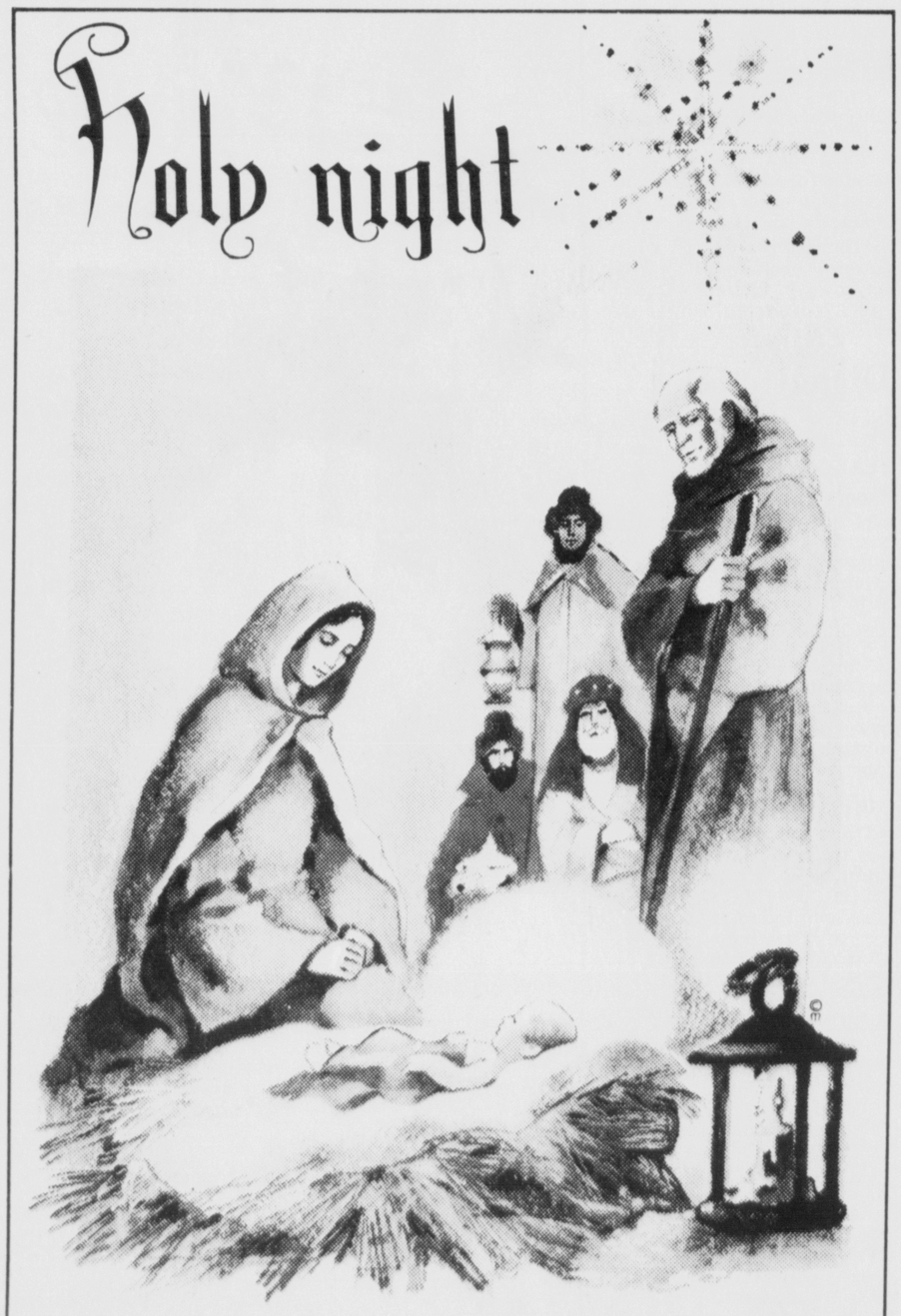

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Our sincere gratitude to all our many friends and neighbors.

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